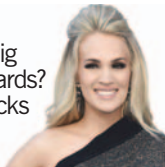


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Key question in impeachment hearing: What did Trump want?

BY GREG JAFFE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In the nearly 3,000 pages of interviews from the House impeachment inquiry released last week, President Donald Trump often seems like a supporting character in someone else's drama.

Aides struggle to please him. They fret about his fits of rage and do their best to anticipate his ever-shifting impulses and desires. Trump is an unseen and mercurial presence.

"President Trump changes his mind on what he wants on a daily basis," said Gordon Sondland, the Trump megadonor-turned-diplomat who sought to help Ukraine's new leader — desperate for American aid and an Oval Office meeting with Trump — to understand what the president wanted from him.

Amid the torrent of testimony, it is easy to forget that the crux of the historic House impeachment inquiry boils down to a simple question: What did Trump want from the Ukrainians — and what exactly did he do?



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Crewmen sit inside a Bradley Fighting Vehicle at an undisclosed location in Syria on Monday. The Bradleys arrived at the remote U.S. base last week, and American troops continue to cooperate with Kurdish-led forces in the eastern part of the country.

US troops at base in Syria say they'll keep pressure on ISIS

BY SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

At a base in eastern Syria, a senior U.S. coalition commander said Monday that American troops who remain in the country are redeploying to bases, including in some new locations, and working with the Kurdish-led forces to keep up the pressure on Islamic State militants and to prevent the extremists from resurging or breaking out of prisons.

The commander, Air Force Maj. Gen. Eric T. Hill, said even though Bradley Fighting Vehicles have arrived in eastern Syria, the mission's focus has not changed. He said the "force mix," including the mechanized armored vehicles deployed in Syria for the first time since the war against ISIS, has an array of capabilities to deny ISIS the chance to regroup.

"The mission still continues. And Daesh is trying to resurgence wherever they can," he said, using the Arabic acronym for the

group. He said the forces have captured 700 ISIS fighters since its last territorial holding fell in March. "We've destroyed many war remnants and we continue to do so as we find them."

Speaking at a remote base in Syria where the Bradleys arrived last week, he said "our primary way that we do that" is through working with the U.S. partners, the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces.

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WAR/MILITARY

US, Aussie educators might be freed by Taliban in swap

By J.P. LAWRENCE
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two university professors — one from the U.S. and the other from Australia — who were kidnapped in Kabul three years ago are set to be freed in exchange for high-ranking Taliban leaders, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said Tuesday.

The three Taliban, who are being held in a prison near Bagram Airfield, will be released if the militant group frees Kevin King, of the U.S., and Timothy Weeks, of Australia, Ghani said in a live television broadcast. King and Weeks were abducted from the American University of Afghanistan in 2016.

The Taliban leaders who Ghani said would be freed in the prisoner exchange are Anas Haqqani, the younger brother of the head of the Taliban-affiliated Haqqani network, which the U.S. has designated as a terrorist group;



President Ashraf Ghani said Tuesday that Afghanistan would release three Taliban prisoners in exchange for Australian Timothy Weeks, left, and American Kevin King, right, shown in a 2017 Taliban video.

Hafiz Rashid, a military strategist whose brother is a member of the Taliban's political committee in Qatar; and Haji Mali Khan, said to be the uncle of the Haqqani network's leader. The men will be "sent to Qatar under U.S. supervision," Radio Free Europe-Afghanistan cited an unnamed Afghan official as saying.

No date has been set for the prisoner swap.

Ghani said the exchange is "a humanitarian gesture," due to the deteriorating health of the two academics. King, in his early 60s, has been "seriously ill" and the Taliban are worried he could die in their custody. Agence France-Presse cited an unnamed Taliban source as saying Tuesday. King has had heart and kidney problems since at least 2017, Taliban videos and statements show.

The American University of Afghanistan welcomed news of

"the possible release" of King and Weeks in a statement posted on its website.

"While AUA is not part of these discussions, we continue to urge the immediate and safe return of our faculty members who have been held in captivity, away from their friends and families, for more than three years."

The prisoner exchange could pave the way for "direct and face-to-face peace talks with the Taliban," Ghani said.

The militant group has long refused to include the government in Kabul in peace negotiations. The U.S. and the Taliban engaged in months of peace talks earlier this year, but President Donald Trump declared the talks dead in September.

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Wis. Guard whistleblower says he's being discharged

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin National Guard sergeant says his superiors have decided to discharge him from the service and deny him retirement benefits in retaliation for complaining about sexual misconduct in his unit.

Wisconsin Air National Guard Master Sgt. Jay Ellis' complaints about sexual assault and sexual harassment within the 115th Fighter Wing last year sparked two federal investigations.

"I just think it's funny how there is so much in the national news right now about whistleblowers, but no one seems to give two [expletive] about my situation," Ellis said Friday in an email to The Associated Press.

Ellis sent a letter in November 2018 to Sen. Tammy Baldwin, a Wisconsin Democrat, saying he had learned of at least six instances of sexual harassment or sexual assault against female members of the fighter wing's security squadron.

The complaint led Baldwin to request a U.S. Air Force investigation. She and Gov. Tony Evers also requested that federal National Guard officials conduct a top-to-bottom review of how the Wisconsin National Guard handles sexual assault allegations. Both probes are ongoing.

Ellis filed a separate complaint in May with the Wisconsin National Guard's inspector general's office alleging that Guard officials transferred him out of his unit in January and had launched a review of his medical history to set up a medical discharge and deny him retirement benefits. Ellis said in the complaint they prepared a memo for evaluators listing his

medical issues even though the Guard has been aware of them since he joined 18 years ago.

He added that his problems have been resolved and any restrictions on his physical training have been lifted but the security squadron's top commander still recommended he be discharged.

The Wisconsin Guard's top commander, Maj. Gen. Donald Dunbar, has ordered an investigation into the reprisal allegations.

Ellis said he was informed Nov. 6 by a representative from a medical evaluation team out of Scott Air Force Base in Illinois that he will be discharged. He said he will appeal, but without the support of his commanders his attorney has warned him his chances are "less than zero."

If his appeals fail he'll be discharged sometime in February, he said. He said he believes the decision was timed to render Dunbar's investigation moot.

Baldwin sent a letter Friday to Dunbar and Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, urging them to halt Ellis' discharge.

The investigation into Ellis' reprisal allegations is complete is "unacceptable" and could have a chilling effect on the sexual assault investigation by discouraging witnesses from coming forward, the senator wrote.

Wisconsin National Guard spokesman Joe Trovato didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment. Thomas Doscher, a spokesman for Scott Air Force Base, had no immediate comment but said he would try to gather what information he could about Ellis' situation.

Correction

A Nov. 11 story about the death of a 4-year-old child in Germany should have said the child died from "the effects of external violence that were at first not visible," and not "intense violence," Oberpfalz police said.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Erdogan urges 'new era' with US on eve of talks with Trump

By FIRAT KOZOK
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Bloomberg

Turkey is looking to turn the page on a period of strife with the U.S. as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan prepares to meet President Donald Trump to discuss a series of issues dividing the NATO allies, especially his country's purchase of a Russian missile defense system.

Speaking Tuesday before traveling to Washington, Erdogan said he wants to "start a new era over common security issues" with the U.S. "We are in agreement with Trump to solve problems and develop our ties despite the foggy weather in our relations," Erdogan told a televised news conference at the airport in Ankara.

Turkey's relationship with the U.S. has been strained by a series of rows, from disagreements over the Turkish offensive in Syria to Ankara's decision to purchase the advanced Russian S-400 missile system. The S-400 issue will top the agenda for Erdogan's talks with Trump on Wednesday, a "critical" meeting that's set to shape the future of ties with the U.S., the Turkish president's communications chief, Fahrettin Altan, told Bloomberg late Monday.

Erdogan sees this week's encounter at the White House as crucial to reconcile those differences, Altan said. But obstacles to improved relations remain. Erdogan has insisted that the Russian system will be activated soon, defying calls from Washington to hold off.

The Turkish president didn't mention the row over the Russian missiles before his departure for Washington but said he'll talk to President Vladimir Putin after his talks with Trump.

In Syria, where Americans have long been allied with Kurdish forces that Turkey regards as terrorists, Trump's decision to pull out U.S. troops led to a mili-

tary operation by Turkish forces. The military campaign against the Kurds touched off an international outcry and led to demands by members of both parties in Congress for sanctions against the Erdogan government.

Erdogan complained that the agreement with the U.S. over the withdrawal of American-backed Kurdish forces from northeast Syria hasn't been fully implemented. He also criticized Trump's conversation with the leader of a Kurdish militia who's been invited to the U.S. by senators, calling the commander and his fighters "terrorists."

Even before the Syria crisis, U.S. lawmakers were pushing the administration to impose sanctions on Ankara for buying the Russian military hardware, citing risks to the American F-35 fighter jet. Turkey was suspended from the joint program that produces the warplane because of the purchase.

"We have repeatedly expressed our stance" on the S-400s, Altan said, referring to Erdogan's long-held view that the Russian missile is absolutely necessary for Turkey's national security.

"Geopolitics require Turkey to have multiple air and missile defense systems," Altan said.

"When we expressed our desire to buy the Patriots, the U.S. set a condition for us to not purchase the S-400s," he said, referring to the Patriot missiles manufactured by Raytheon Co.

Erdogan said late last week that he was prepared to buy Patriots if the terms were right.

Altan's remarks highlight the difficulty of reconciling Turkey's position on air defense with that of Washington, a rift that has threatened to derail the decades-long alliance between the two countries.

"I'm confident Erdogan and Trump will have an honest discussion on this," he said. "I believe the two leaders can find a solution that's acceptable and can be implemented."



A helicopter gunner waits for takeoff at a U.S. military base in eastern Syria on Monday.

DARRO BANDIC/AP

Mission: Turkey-allied fighters, SDF forces still clashing despite cease-fire

FROM FRONT PAGE

The deployment of the mechanized force comes after U.S. troops pulled out from northeastern Syria, making way for a Turkish offensive against Kurdish fighters that began last month. Only several miles away from the base, fighting between Turkey-allied fighters and the SDF was ongoing, despite a cease-fire that has so far curbed the Turkish invasion but didn't end the violence.

Smoke billowed in the distance, visible from across a major highway that has become a de facto frontier between Turkish-held areas and areas where U.S. troops are going to operate. An SDF official on the scene said Turkish shelling was continuing.

Farther north, three car bombs went off Monday in the town of Qamishi, killing at least six people, while a priest was shot dead. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack that killed the Armenian Catholic priest and his father as they drove from Qamishi to the city of Hassakeh, in a sign that the extremists still have reach.

The U.S. withdrawal from

northern Syria was widely criticized, even by allies of President Donald Trump. The Kurdish-led force, deserted by Washington in the face of the threat of a military operation by a NATO ally, leaned on the Syrian government and Russia for help.

The cease-fire, reached in late October, left Turkey in control of a stretch of land along the border that is roughly 70 miles wide and 20 miles deep. But fighting south of that zone continued. Kurdish officials say Turkey is seeking to expand its area of control.

Hill's emphasis on the continued partnership with the Kurdish-led forces comes as U.S. troops sent reinforcements to bases in the oil-rich region of eastern Syria.

Trump approved an expanded military mission which he said was to secure an expanse of oil fields across eastern Syria. The directive raised questions about how the troops will operate, particularly in an area where there are Russia-backed Syrian troops who could try to take back oil facilities.

The decision was a partial victory for those who were against

the withdrawal from Syria. Pentagon officials said as many as 900 could stay in Syria, down from about 1,200 and including about 200 in a southern garrison.

Hill said while some troops are going home or withdrawing to Iraq, others are redeploying to the Qamishi area, Der el-Zour and Derik, an area where no U.S. bases were before.

In a day visit to some of the bases where reinforcements were sent, Associated Press journalists spoke to some of the troops, many of them newly arrived. The military required that the names and exact locations of the bases not be identified.

First Lt. Jacob Moore said a group of his Bradley armored vehicles were asked to provide security for a U.S. convoy passing through the fighting area, Tal Tamr, setting up a security blockade to allow the forces to pass.

"We were prepared for the worst but we got the best" said Moore, who arrived last week in Syria. "There was no fighting when we got there." Instead, he said, locals were happy to see the new deployment.

Turkey tries to shed light on death of White Helmets founder

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkish officials were performing an autopsy and other procedures Tuesday as they tried to understand how a former British officer who helped found the White Helmets volunteer aid group in Syria died.

James Le Mesurier's body was found near his home in Istanbul early Monday by worshippers on their way to morning prayers. Turkish police believe he fell to

his death from his home and are investigating the circumstances.

Last week, a top Russian official had claimed he was a spy, something Britain strongly denies.

The Istanbul chief prosecutor's office said an autopsy and other procedures were underway at Istanbul's Forensic Medicine Institute to determine "the exact cause" of his death. It also said police were still in the process of gathering security camera recordings near the scene and as-

sessing them.

Earlier, Istanbul Gov. Ali Yerlikaya told reporters, "Our chief prosecutor's office, our police are engaged in multifaceted efforts to shed light on the incident."

Le Mesurier was the founder and CEO of May Day Rescue, which established and trained the White Helmets, also known as the Syria Civil Defense, a group of local humanitarian volunteers.

The group, which has had more than 3,000 volunteers in opposition-held areas, says it has saved

thousands of lives since 2013 and documented Syrian government attacks on civilians and other infrastructure. The group has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize but has not won.

Last week, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova accused Le Mesurier of being a former British agent working in the Balkans and the Middle East. She alleged he had been spotted all around the world, including in the Balkans and the Middle East.

Karen Pierce, Britain's ambassador to the United Nations, denied those allegations Monday, saying "the Russian charges against him that came out of Foreign Ministry that he was a spy are categorically untrue."

She also said Britain would be "looking very closely" at the Turkish authorities' investigation into Le Mesurier's death.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency reported that he was 48 and had moved to Turkey with his wife four years ago.

MILITARY

US soldier killed in S. Korea accident

2 others are injured when armored vehicle overturns

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — One American soldier was killed and two were injured when a Bradley Fighting Vehicle overturned during training in South Korea last week, the Army said Tuesday.

Spc. Nicholas C. Panipinto, 20, of Bradenton, Fla., died Nov. 6 from injuries sustained in the rollover at Camp Humphreys, the Army said in a statement sent to Stars and Stripes.

"The accident is under investigation," it said.

All five soldiers who were in the vehicle were taken to a nearby South Korean hospital, Eighth Army spokesman Lt. Col. Ellis Gales told Stars and Stripes. Panipinto died, two were released with non-life-threatening injuries and the other two were seen by medical staff as a precautionary measure, he said.

Panipinto was an infantryman assigned to the Fort Hood-based 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, which deployed to the divided Korean Peninsula in July for a nine-month rotation.

A memorial service will be held at Camp Humphreys on Friday for Panipinto, who joined the Army in January 2018.

Brigade commander Col. Kevin Capra expressed "heartfelt condolences" to Panipinto's family, friends and loved ones.

"Nicholas was a dedicated and essential member of the Ghost Battalion and Greywolf Brigade," Capra said, using the nicknames of the units. "We are all deeply saddened by the loss and will keep his family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time."

Of around 28,500 American troops in South Korea, most are based at Camp Humphreys, which is about 55 miles south of Seoul in the rural area of Pyeongtaek. Army motor vehicle mishaps are the number one killer of on-duty soldiers, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston said in a safety video released in June.

Including the accident that killed Panipinto last week, at least 10 rollovers involving Army vehicles have claimed 10 lives this calendar year, according to a tally done by Stars and Stripes using data from the Army Combat Readiness Center.

That's up from six rollover accidents that resulted in four fatalities in 2018, the center said.

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Soldiers look at an app on a smartphone in 2018. Soldiers in Fort Hood's 504th Military Intelligence Brigade raised concerns about the terms of service of their brigade's app.

Intel soldiers raise app concerns

Members of unit with top-secret clearances voiced fears over risk of being exposed

By ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

Soldiers in an intelligence unit with top-secret clearances were ordered by their commander to download an information app, triggering fear their secretive work could be harnessed and exploited by adversary governments, soldiers in the unit told The Washington Post.

Army Col. Deitra Trotter, the commander of Fort Hood's 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, told her soldiers in late October a new app developed for the unit could provide weather updates, training changes and other logistics. She then told the soldiers to download it onto their personal smartphones, according to the Texas-based soldiers in the unit.

But the soldiers — many of whom have jobs in interrogation, human intelligence and counterintelligence — soon noticed that the app's terms of service said it could collect substantial amounts of personal data and that the developer has a presence overseas.

That caused widespread concern that a hack could put individuals and missions worldwide at risk, soldiers in the unit said.

"We do top-secret work," said one non-commissioned officer, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution by their chain of command. "If our personal information is being put out there to a foreign power, what can they get from our brigade?"

Intelligence soldiers specialize in siphoning enemy communications and groom sources to deliver information about their foes, like their location and what weapons or capabilities they may have.

When they deploy, some soldiers grow their hair out and wear civilian clothes to obscure their military roles and don't disclose their work outside of close family, another noncommissioned officer in the 504th said.

The app's permissions — which suggested it could pull GPS location data, photos and contacts and even rewrite memory cards — frustrated soldiers who have taken extreme precautions they felt were glossed over by Trotter and other senior leaders.

The worst-case scenario, he said, was "our cover might be blown." While the app

said permissions could be disabled, the soldiers said there was a failure of confidence it was secure. Senior leaders checked the phones of subordinates to ensure they had the app installed, soldiers in the unit said.

Adversarial governments and intelligence agencies prize gateways to people who collect and manage classified information, said David Forsey, the managing director of the Aspen Institute's Cybersecurity Group.

Sensitive information like loan debts, history of drug use or even a trail of adultery through dating apps are all pieces of information that can be used to blackmail soldiers or coerce them to hand over classified information, he said.

"One reason drug use is a question in background investigations is the U.S. wants to see what people could have to compromise you," Forsey said.

Even if secrets gathered from a soldier aren't apparent now, they could be useful later if correlated with other data, he said.

For instance, he said, there is belief that a massive Chinese hack of U.S. security clearances may have been paired with theft of medical information in the Anthem hack to find U.S. officials with access to classified information who may also have big hospital bills — making them a prime target for exploitation.

And if a soldier leaves the military and enters the CIA or another agency, "it would be useful for China to know who they are and what they look like."

That is why U.S. officials should balance the risk of divulging sensitive information with the potential payoff, he said, which was not clear for an app that delivers rudimentary updates, like training changes or weather cancellations.

The app developer, Straxis LLC, is based in Tulsa but has a subsidiary in southern India. User data wasn't stored on foreign

servers and third parties do not have access to data, a company spokesperson said.

Questions about security reviews during development, what user data was collected and development costs were referred to the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, which did not address them or make Trotter available.

The concern among service members circulated on Reddit and the Army WTF! moments Facebook page, a popular digital hangout for soldiers. Soldiers deleted the app in revolt. Trotter called another formation Wednesday to address the controversy, admonishing whoever talked about the issue online, soldiers in the unit said.

The app was later removed from both Apple's App Store and the Google Play Store.

"We are confident that the appropriate security protocols are in place to protect our Soldiers' personally identifiable information," the unit said, calling the app an unclassified communications tool. Straxis, the brigade said, had developed similar apps for other units.

The app was removed for a "preplanned maintenance update" and will return to the app stores, the unit said, although it did not explain the timing of the removal right after the outcry within the unit.

On Wednesday, the brigade said the soldiers had no "formal obligation" to download the app.

A day later, it reversed course, conceding the app was originally "mandatory," but following "further discussion and feedback" from unit soldiers, the brigade decided it would only "highly encourage" use of the app.

The soldiers also were frustrated over the legal review of an order to install an app on personal smartphones. Trotter told the soldiers it was approved by Army attorneys, they said, but it was unclear to soldiers if Trotter could mandate an app on their privately owned devices.

The military has recently blundered in cyberspace, including an issue where troops with fitness apps unwittingly broadcast location data at secret bases worldwide.

And between July 2017 and January 2018, the Army accidentally emailed spreadsheets containing sensitive information about immigrant recruits from China and Russia to some recruits themselves.

MILITARY



PHOTOS BY TIM TAYLOR/Lost 52 Project

The USS Grayback was discovered off the coast of Japan in June by the Lost 52 Project, dedicated to finding all 52 U.S. submarines lost in action during World War II.

Drones find sub sunk in WWII

The Washington Post

Tim Taylor was about to end the mission. His team had scoured the seabed off Japan with autonomous underwater vehicles, which are essentially high-tech drones, without a hit. His ship now needed repairs, and a \$7 million drone had just reported an error on its latest dive.

All that remained was to download the data from that drone before heading hundreds of miles back to shore.

That's when they spotted it: an unusual reading on the ocean floor, more than 1,400 feet deep. The next day, another submersible with high-definition cameras went to investigate.

The images it beamed back left no doubt about what Taylor's team had found: A hulking ship lay rusting in the pitch-black water. As the camera rounded the bow and panned to the bridge, an eerily preserved plaque came into view: USS Grayback.

"It was amazing. Everyone was excited," Taylor said in an interview with The Washington Post. "Then you realize there are 80 men buried there, and it's a sobering discovery."

Taylor's discovery on June 5 solved an enduring 75-year-old mystery about the fate of the USS Grayback, one of World War II's most effective submarines. The U.S. Navy confirmed Sunday that Taylor's team, part of a group dedicated to finding the 52 American submarines lost in action during World War II, found Grayback's final resting place on the ocean off Okinawa.

The Grayback's final mission started on Jan. 28, 1944, according to the Navy's official history, when it left Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on its 10th combat tour. Commissioned in 1941, the Tambor-class sub had spent the war patrolling the South Pacific and South China Sea, torpedoing numerous enemy vessels and rescuing downed American aviators. The Grayback sank more than a dozen Japanese ships in all. The New York Times reported.

On Feb. 24, 1944, the sub re-



Tim Taylor and his team use unmanned undersea submersibles to locate the USS Grayback in more than 1,400 feet of water.

ported sinking two Japanese cargo ships days earlier and was ordered back to replenish its torpedo supply. But it never arrived in Midway. After the war, the Navy used Japanese military records to try to piece together a history of its lost subs, and pinpointed the submarine's final resting place as about 100 miles east-southeast of Okinawa, the Times reported.

But its remains were never found — until Taylor took on the case. In 2010, Taylor, an undersea explorer and CEO of a New York-based firm that provides autonomous underwater vehicles, discovered the USS R-12, which sank in an accident off Key West, Fla. in 1943. He set up a privately funded group called the Lost 52 Project, dedicated to using new technology to find long-lost World War II subs. His team found three more vessels before tackling the Grayback.

In this case, he relied on a key discovery by Yutaka Iwasaki, a systems engineer in Kobe, Japan, who works with Taylor's team as an amateur researcher. Last year, while poring over original Japanese military documents, he found reports showing that on Feb. 27, 1944, a Japanese aircraft had dropped a 500-pound bomb on the Grayback. The coordinates given in that report suggested the Navy had made a crucial error

when translating the coordinates where the sub was attacked.

"It was off by one digit," Taylor said. "That changed the location by more than 100 miles."

Navy officials hailed Taylor's discovery for closing a long-open chapter for the submarine and its crew.

"Each discovery of a sunken craft is an opportunity to remember and honor the service of our sailors," Robert Neyland, the head of the Naval History and Heritage Command's Underwater Archaeology Branch, said in a statement. "Knowing their final resting place brings closure, in some part, to their families and shipmates as well as enables our team to better understand the circumstances in which the boat was lost."

Army battalion command process adds psych exam

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

Officers vying for battalion command will soon be screened through a psychological exam, an expert panel and other means as the Army moves away from choosing leaders based solely on their personnel files.

Beginning Jan. 1, lieutenant colonels on the centralized selection list will undergo a five-day audition at Fort Knox, Ky., through the Battalion Commander Assessment Program, the Army said in a statement Nov. 6.

Officers will have to pass the Army physical fitness test, be interviewed by behavioral psychologists and a panel of senior officers and write an essay as part of the assessment.

The new program is part of a broader shift in personnel management practices prioritized by Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville, who has referred to the current system as "industrial age."

"Right now, we spend more time and more money on selecting a Private to be in the Ranger Regiment than we do on selecting what I would argue is one of the most consequential leadership positions in the Army, our Battalion Commanders," McConville said in a tweet last month.

The new test process will better determine "fitness for command and potential" than the current system, which relies on personnel files and focuses on past actions, the Army said.

"I think the idea of actually looking the officer in the eye and seeing how they performed side-by-side with their peers will give us a much, much better picture of who our future leaders are," McConville said in a Federal News Network story last month.

Evaluations and past performance will still play a large role, however, in determining which officers should be selected to the leadership position, the Army statement said.

Only about 10% of officers on the selected list are chosen each

The new test process will better determine "fitness for command and potential" than the current system, the Army said.

year to command battalions, the Army said.

Battalion commander is one of the most important leadership positions in the Army, McConville said.

"All the new soldiers, all the new officers, new NCOs, they're coming to these battalions, and when they look up, the type of leadership they receive is usually going to determine whether they stay in the Army or they get out of the Army," McConville said in the service statement.

The Army may eventually expand the assessment program to sergeants major and brigade-level commands, McConville said.

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How Trump impeachment hearing is different

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The public impeachment inquiry hearings this week usher in a rare and momentous occasion in American history as Congress debates whether to remove a president from office.

There are consistencies in the process — televised hearings, partisan rancor and memorable speeches — but each impeachment process also stands alone as a reflection of the president, the Congress and the times.

Even if the two most recent impeachment proceedings — against Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton — offer instructive clues about the path ahead, there are notable differences in the case surrounding Donald Trump.

A look at then and now:

Then: During the Clinton impeachment, the House held no serious hearings because the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, had delivered dozens of boxes of evidence with recommendations for charges. Even during the Nixon proceedings decades earlier, lawmakers were considering evidence gathered through months of investigations by specially appointed prosecutors — first Archibald Cox and later Leon Jaworski. In both cases, the impeachment proceedings followed extensive law enforcement investigations.

Now: The House Intelligence Committee has taken on the primary role of assembling a case against Trump, with no supplemental Justice Department investigation. These impeachment proceedings are unfolding simultaneously to the investigation itself.

“The House actually had to investigate on its own with the benefit of nobody else’s resources, that’s new,” said Frank Bowman, a University of Mississippi law professor and legal historian and author of “High Crimes and Misdemeanors: A History of Impeachment for the Age of Trump.”



Then: During Watergate, the Senate held televised hearings that served to turn public opinion against Nixon, and he eventually resigned before a formal vote by the full House. The most sensational moments — including the testimony of White House counsel John Dean and Sen. Howard Baker’s famous question, “What did the president know and when did he know it?” — occurred not during House impeachment hearings but during special Watergate hearings in the Senate.

Now: The House hearings represent the public’s first time hearing witnesses involved in the controversy. The three witnesses up first have appeared behind closed doors, and transcripts of their private depositions suggest the potential for dramatic and quotable testimony. One State Department official, George Kent, accused Trump’s personal attorney Rudy Giuliani of leading a “campaign of slander” against the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Another, William Taylor, has said he had a “clear understanding” of a desired quid pro

quo: military aid in exchange for investigations of a political rival.

Then: Nixon’s exit was sealed when members of his own party came out against him, with some breaking ranks and voting to adopt articles of impeachment. Three top Republican leaders in Congress, including Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, visited Nixon at the White House in August 1974 to warn him he faced near-certain impeachment. Even Democrats who voted against convicting Clinton made clear their disapproval, with then-Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut famously talking to the Senate floor to call the president’s conduct immoral.

“When we look back on ‘74, it wasn’t that all Republicans turned on Nixon — far from it. But enough did that it became apparent that he wasn’t going to be able to hold the ground,” said William Howell, a political science professor at the University of Chicago.

Now: There have been sporadic grumblings of discontent from Republicans in Congress, most notably from Sen.



AP photos

Above: President Richard M. Nixon points to the transcripts of the White House tapes in Washington in 1974, after he announced on television that he would turn over the transcripts to House impeachment investigators. **Left:** A photo montage shows the Dec. 20, 1998, editions of newspapers from Massachusetts and Rhode Island with headlines of President Clinton’s impeachment.

Mitt Romney of Utah, but the Trump impeachment proceedings are unfolding in a considerably more partisan and polarizing time than the Clinton and Nixon eras, and there’s no reason to think there’s going to be any significant abandonment in support of Trump from his own party.

Then: Sure, Nixon rallied against his critics, including the media. And, yes, Clinton and his supporters attacked Starr. But both — one a career politician, the other a Yale-educated lawyer — accepted their fates and respected the institutions that decided them.

Clinton delivered a Rose Garden statement as the House moved toward impeachment, and though he didn’t mention the “I-word,” he conveyed contrition. The president accepted “responsibility for what I did wrong in my personal life” and pledged to push the country forward. Nixon accepted a Supreme Court opinion that forced him to turn over incriminating personal recordings and resigned before he could be impeached.

Now: It remains to be seen how willingly Trump will accept whatever courts and the Congress decide. Trump famously equivocated in 2016 on the question of whether he would accept the election results if he were to lose to Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. He’s similarly called the impeachment inquiry a hoax, just as he did special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation. The White House has sought to stonewall the impeachment inquiry by directing executive branch employees to skip their appearances, but many officials defied the directive and showed up anyway. That recalcitrance raises questions about how prepared the president is to comply with directives from the court — should they come — or to accept whatever outcome awaits him in Congress.

“The president has never had the gall to essentially just tell Congress to go screw itself in an impeachment investigation,” Bowman said.

Question: Dems hope testimony will make clear what Trump was demanding

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In trying to answer that question, Republicans and Democrats have cited the rough transcript of Trump’s July 25 call with Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy — a conversation that witnesses have described as “improper,” “shocking” and a confusing mishmash of conspiracy theories, empty threats and non sequiturs.

Republicans have made the rough transcript and the chaotic nature of the Trump presidency a central part of their defense.

Democrats are counting on using the transcript and the around Trump — a mix of aides, sycophants and serious-minded civil servants — to make clear exactly what Trump was demanding of the Ukrainian president on the July 25 call.

Senior U.S. officials working on Ukraine often seemed to live in a state of dread and confusion over what the president might do or tweet. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch was clinging to her job in Kyiv this spring, amid a smear campaign organized by Rudy Giuliani, the president’s personal attorney, when State Department officials told her to leave her possessions behind and come

home on the first possible plane.

Her bosses in Washington didn’t fear for her safety; rather, they feared Trump. “They were worried that if I wasn’t physically out of Ukraine there would be some sort of public tweet from the White House,” she told lawmakers.

With Yovanovitch gone, the new team in charge of Trump’s Ukraine policy often struggled to make sense of his myriad grudges. In May, a trio of officials that consisted of Sondland, Energy Secretary Rick Perry and special envoy Kurt Volker, huddled with Trump in the Oval Office to share their favorable impressions of the Ukrainian president.

They tried to take me down. They tried to take me down,” Sondland recalled Trump saying to the Ukrainians.

Most officials suspected that Trump’s rage traced back to the conspiratorial conversations he was having with Giuliani regarding alleged — and unsubstantiated — Ukrainian interference in the 2016 election.

Even the highest-ranking officials were flying blind. Whenever Giuliani popped up on the television in John Bolton’s West

Wing office, the national security adviser would turn up the volume to try to learn what he might be telling Trump, said Fiona Hill, who oversaw Russia and Ukraine policy in the White House.

Meanwhile, Bolton issued orders to his aides to steer clear of Giuliani and his schemes.

Trump’s precise role in the Ukraine scandal is further muddled by unreliable witnesses, faulty memories and, in one case, a disembodied voice announcing a confounding order to freeze \$391 million in desperately needed military aid to Ukraine.

On his July 25 call with Zelenskyy, Trump is clear regarding what he wants from Zelenskyy. “I would like you to do us a favor,” Trump said. He then pressed the Ukrainian president to investigate a widely debunked conspiracy theory, proffered by Russian President Vladimir Putin among others, that Ukraine and not Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. election. Trump also asked Zelenskyy to investigate former vice president Joe Biden and his son Hunter, who had secured a lucrative position with a controversial Ukrainian gas

company.

“It sounds horrible to me,” Trump said. Less clear is whether Trump ordered a hold on the \$391 million in military aid to blackmail the Ukrainians. Senior U.S. officials first learned of the freeze during a July 18 video conference in which an off-camera staff person from the White House’s Office of Management and Budget said there was a hold on the aid, but would not say why.

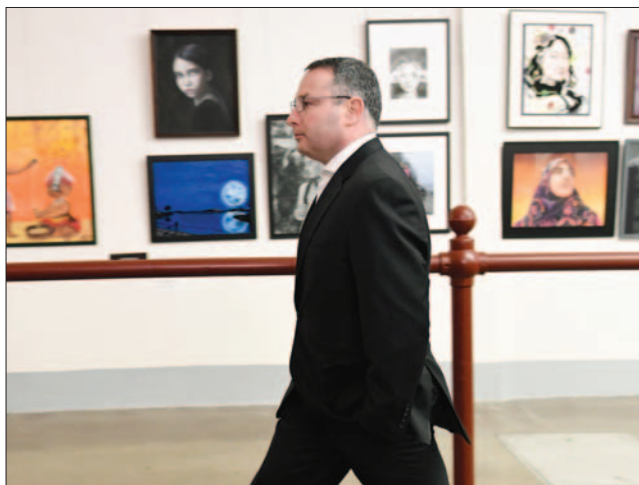
“I and others sat in astonishment,” recalled acting ambassador William Taylor, who had dialed in from Ukraine.

Top officials at the Pentagon and the State Department spent much of July and August struggling to figure out why Trump had frozen the aid and how to get it flowing. The answers were vague and unsatisfying.

This week, House Democrats and Republicans will call their first witnesses for the public portion of the impeachment inquiry testimony.

Sondland, the witness from the closed-door round of questioning who spoke most directly with Trump about Ukraine, isn’t on either party’s witness list.

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SUSAN WALSH/AP

Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman leaves after reviewing his testimony from a closed-door interview on Capitol Hill in Washington on Thursday.

Pentagon chief says Vindman need not fear Army retaliation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Monday that an Army officer has no reason to fear retribution for testifying before Congress in the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump.

Esper was asked about potential retribution for Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman during a trip to New York City. The defense secretary said the Pentagon “has protections for whistleblowers” who report waste, fraud or abuse.

He said Vindman or any other whistleblower “shouldn’t have

any fear of retaliation,” according to a transcript of the exchange released by online publication Defense One.

Vindman is the Ukraine specialist at the White House’s National Security Council who was on the July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Vindman testified about concerns that Trump was delaying military aid to the Eastern European country while pressing the country to investigate his political rivals.

That phone call, and Trump’s request for a “favor” from

Ukraine, are the basis of the impeachment inquiry.

According to the Defense One transcript, Esper was asked what he would tell service members who might wonder if Vindman’s career is in jeopardy and whether their own careers would be at risk if they blew the whistle on waste, fraud or abuse.

Esper responded by saying the Pentagon “has protections for whistleblowers — they’re guaranteed in law. And he shouldn’t have any fear of retaliation. That’s DOD’s position,” he said, referring to the Department of Defense.

Mulvaney won’t sue over impeachment but declines to cooperate with inquiry

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Tuesday that he no longer plans to sue over the House impeachment proceedings and will instead follow President Donald Trump’s directions and decline to cooperate.

It’s the latest reversal in position by Mulvaney, who last week asked to join the lawsuit of another Trump adviser before changing his mind Monday and saying that he intended to bring his own case.

In a court filing Tuesday, Mulvaney said he would rely on Trump’s instructions “as

supported by an opinion of the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, in not appearing for the relevant deposition.”

Mulvaney had been subpoenaed to appear last week for a closed-door deposition before the House impeachment panel but did not show up.

He then asked to join a lawsuit brought by Charles Kupperman, the president’s former deputy national security adviser. That case asked a judge to decide whether Kupperman had to comply with a subpoena from the House or a competing directive from the White House to not testify.

Mulvaney had argued that his circumstances were similar to

those of Kupperman, but lawyers for both Kupperman and the House of Representatives opposed his request to join the suit and highlighted what they said were key differences. U.S. District Judge Richard Leon said in a conference call on Monday that he was “not inclined” to grant Mulvaney’s request.

The Justice Department legal opinion that Mulvaney references says close advisers to the president are immune from testifying to Congress because “preparing for such examinations would force them to divert time and attention from their duties to the President at the whim of congressional committees.”

Inquiry witness: Ukrainians asked about aid holdup

By LISA MASCARO
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The view among the national security officials was unanimous: Military aid to Ukraine should not be stopped. But President Donald Trump’s acting chief of staff thought otherwise.

As the aid was being blocked last summer, Ukraine officials began quietly asking the State Department about the holdup. The concern was clear for the young democracy battling an aggressive Russia.

“If this were public in Ukraine, it would be seen as a reversal of our policy,” said Catherine Croft, the special adviser for Ukraine at State, who fielded the inquiries from the Ukrainians.

“This would be a really big deal,” she testified. “It would be a really big deal in Ukraine, and an expression of declining U.S. support for Ukraine.”

Croft’s remarks were among the transcripts released Monday from the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump.

The transcripts begin to chisel away at a key Republican defense of Trump. Allies of the president say Trump did nothing wrong because the Ukrainians never knew the aid was being delayed.

Eventually, the White House released its hold and the funds were sent to the ally.

The impeachment inquiry is looking at whether Trump violated his oath of office by holding back the constitutionally approved funds while he asked new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate political rival Joe Biden’s family and the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Transcripts of testimony from closed-door interviews with Croft and another Ukraine specialist at State, Christopher Anderson, as well as the Defense Department’s Laura Cooper, come as House Democrats are pushing ahead with this week’s live public hearings.

Cooper told investigators that in a series of July meetings at the White House, she came to understand that Trump’s acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, was holding up the military aid for the U.S. ally.

“There was just this issue of the White House chief of staff has conveyed that the president has concerns about Ukraine,” she said.

When she and others tried to get an explanation, they found none.

“We did not get clarification,” she said. “My sense is that all of

the senior leaders of the U.S. national security departments and agencies were all unified in their — in their view that this assistance was essential,” said Cooper, an assistant defense secretary. “And they were trying to find ways to engage the President on this.”

Croft and Anderson testified about the oversized reach of Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani into foreign policy on Ukraine in unsettling ways as he portrayed Zelenskyy’s new government as an “enemy” of Trump.

Croft told investigators of her “trepidation” of taking on the role in spring of adviser to the special envoy to Ukraine, Kurt Volker, because she worried that Giuliani was influencing Trump to change U.S. policy toward the ally.

She said she theorized that by “painting sort of Ukraine as being against Trump,” it could help the president “distract from a narrative” that Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. election to help him. Anderson, who held the special adviser role before Croft, said, “I had the fear that if Giuliani’s narrative took hold, that the Ukrainian government was an enemy of the president, then it would be very hard to have high-level engagement.”

He said Volker had warned him, “Giuliani is not moving on to other issues, and so this might still be a problem for us moving forward.”

Cooper said she and other aides were asking questions about what legal authority the White House had to halt congressionally approved aid for Ukraine. She said it was “unusual” to have the congressional funds suddenly halted that way. The Pentagon was “concerned.”

Cooper told investigators that it was when Volker visited in August that he explained there was a “statement” that the Ukraine government could make to get the security money flowing.

It was the first she had heard of what is now the quid pro quo central to the impeachment inquiry — the administration’s push for the Ukraine government to investigate Trump’s political rivals as the funding was being withheld.

“Somehow, an effort that he was engaged in to see if there was a statement that the government of Ukraine would make,” she said, “that would somehow disavow any interference in U.S. elections and would commit to the prosecution of any individuals involved in election interference.”

Cooper said the security assistance was “vital to helping the Ukrainians be able to defend themselves.”

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WILFREDO LEE/AP

Girls play dominoes with a staff member at a shelter for migrant teenage girls in Lake Worth, Fla., in September. This month new government data shows 69,550 migrant children were held in U.S. government custody over the past year.

Concerns raised about number, care of migrant kids in custody

Associated Press

COMAYAGUA, Honduras — The 3-year-old girl traveled for weeks cradled in her father's arms as he set out to seek asylum in the United States. Now she won't even look at him.

After being forcibly separated at the border by government officials, sexually abused in U.S. foster care and deported, she arrived back in Honduras withdrawn, anxious and angry, convinced her once-beloved father abandoned her. He fears their bond is forever broken.

"I think about this trauma staying with her too, because the trauma has remained with me and still hasn't faded," he said days after their reunion.

This month new government data shows the little girl is one of an unprecedented 69,550 migrant children held in U.S. government custody over the past year, enough to overflow the typical NFL stadium. That's more kids detained away from their parents than by any other country, according to United Nations researchers. And it's happening even though the U.S. government has recognized detention can be traumatic for

children, putting them at risk of long-term physical and emotional damage.

Some of these migrant children who were in government custody this year have already been deported. Some have reunited with family in the U.S., where they're trying to go to school and piece back together their lives. About 4,000 are still in government custody, some in large, impersonal shelters. More arrive every week.

This story is part of an ongoing joint investigation between The Associated Press and the PBS series "Frontline" on the treatment of migrant children.

The nearly 70,000 migrant children who were held in government custody over the last year — up 42% in fiscal year 2019 from 2018 — spent more time in shelters and away from their families than in prior years. The Trump administration's strict immigration policies have increased the time children spend in detention, despite the government's acknowledgment it does them harm.

"Early experiences are literally built into our brains and bodies," said Dr. Jack Shonkoff, who directs Harvard University's Center on the Developing

Child. Earlier this year, he told Congress that "decades of peer-reviewed research" shows that detaining kids away from parents or primary caregivers is bad for their health.

The 3-year-old girl, taken from her father when immigration officials caught them near the border in Texas in March 2019, was sent to government-funded foster care. When a caregiver put her on the phone with him, the girl refused to speak, screaming in anger.

What his daughter didn't, or couldn't, tell her dad was that another child in her foster home woke her up and began molesting her, according to court records. As the days passed, she began urinating on herself and seemed unable to eat or drink, a foster parent said in the records.

"I felt like I couldn't do anything to help her," said her father, who found out about his daughter's abuse while he was in detention. The father agreed to speak about their case on condition of anonymity for safety reasons.

In June, he gave up and asked a judge to deport them. The government sent him back to Honduras alone. His daughter followed a month later.

After falling in his Georgia home. The former president fell on Oct. 6, just days after his birthday, and required stitches above his left eyebrow.

In 2015, Carter announced that doctors had discovered a form of melanoma that spread to his brain. He received his first radiation treatment at 90. Four months later, he was cancer-free. Carter, the 39th president, has lived longer than any other former president in U.S. history.

Carter recovering from procedure on brain

The Washington Post

Former President Jimmy Carter is recovering from a Tuesday morning surgery to relieve pressure on his brain caused by a subdural hematoma, a collection of blood outside the brain.

"There are no complications from the surgery," the Carter Center said in a statement after the surgery was complete. "President Carter will remain in the hospital as long as advisable for observation. We do not anticipate

any further statements until he is released from the hospital."

On Monday, the Center announced that the former president had been hospitalized Monday for a procedure to relieve pressure on his brain.

The pressure was triggered by bleeding in the brain caused by recent falls, and Carter, 95, was admitted to Emory University Hospital on Monday evening with his wife, Rosalynn, by his side.

Last month, Carter was hospitalized with a minor pelvic frac-

Justices: Sandy Hook families can sue gunmaker

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court dealt a blow to the gun industry, refusing to block a lawsuit against Remington Arms Co. by family members of nine people killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre.

The lawsuit blames the gunmaker's marketing practices for inspiring the killer, Adam Lanza, who used a Remington-made Bushmaster XM15 military-style rifle while killing 26 people at the Connecticut school, 20 of them first-grade children.

The justices rejected Remington's appeal Tuesday without comment or published dissent.

The rebuff leaves intact a Connecticut Supreme Court ruling that carved a way around a 2005 federal law enacted to shield the gun industry from lawsuits. Gun rights advocates including the National Rifle Association had urged the high court to hear Remington's appeal.

The Connecticut court decision "threatens to unleash a flood of

lawsuits nationwide that would subject lawful business practices to crippling litigation burdens," Remington argued in its appeal.

The families said in court papers that Remington "chose to market the XM15-E2S as a highly lethal weapon designed for purposes that are illegal — namely, killing other human beings."

The Supreme Court's decision to let the suit go forward could give the families access to company documents and internal communications, information that could help others seeking to press similar suits.

The 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act insulates gun manufacturers and merchants but makes an exception if a company has "knowingly violated a state or federal statute applicable to the sale or marketing of the product."

Remington said the clause, known as the "predicate exception," covers only laws that explicitly regulate the firearms business, not general consumer protection statutes like the Connecticut law.

Court's conservatives appear set to allow Trump to end DACA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority seems prepared to allow the Trump administration to end a program that allows some immigrants to work legally in the United States and protects them from deportation.

There did not appear to be any support among the five conservatives in extended arguments Tuesday for blocking the administration's decision to wind down the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. It currently protects 660,000 immigrants who came to the United States as children and are here illegally.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh were among the justices who indicated that the administration has provided sufficient reason for wanting to do away with the program. Justices Neil Gorsuch and Samuel Alito raised questions about whether courts should even be reviewing the executive branch's discretionary decisions.

The high court's decision is expected by June, at the height of

the 2020 presidential campaign.

The program was begun under President Barack Obama. The Trump administration announced in September 2017 that it would end DACA protections, but lower federal courts have stepped in to keep the program alive.

President Donald Trump tweeted Tuesday that if the Supreme Court overturns the immigrants' protections "a deal will be made with the Dems for them to stay!" But Trump's past promises to work with Democrats on a legislative solution for these immigrants have not led to an agreement.

Trump said in his tweet that many program participants are "far from 'angels,'" and he falsely claimed that "some are very tough, hardened criminals." The program bars anyone with a felony conviction from participating. Serious misdemeanors may also bar eligibility.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor made the only direct reference to Trump, saying he told DACA recipients "that they were safe under him and that he'd find a way to keep them here. And he hasn't."

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Other business awaits Congress amid impeachment

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Impeachment hearings for President Donald Trump came at the very time that Capitol Hill usually tends to its mound of unfinished business.

The hearings and the possibility of impeachment and a trial create yet another layer of complications for senior lawmakers pressing for an agreement on \$1.4 trillion worth of federal agency budgets or finalizing a rewrite of the North American trade rules.

Public hearings into Trump's actions with Ukraine promise to suck the air out of Washington and stoke the partisan flames inside the Capitol ever hotter. Yet they could still be the last, best opportunity for lawmakers to wrap up their work on the budget and the trade deal.

As the House returns from a quick break, the sole piece of must-do business is to pass a governmentwide stopgap spending bill to avert the second government shutdown within a year.

Avoiding a shutdown shouldn't be a problem, at least for now, with passage of a temporary, governmentwide spending bill to perhaps Dec. 20 virtually assured. Top leaders on Capitol Hill, however, are struggling with



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As public impeachment hearings for President Donald Trump get underway, Congress faces pressing business related to the federal budget and a trade deal.

a full-year solution on the appropriations work, where progress is overdue and at least some risk of being delayed entirely remains.

Most notably, a recurring fight over Trump's U.S.-Mexico border fence and immigrant detention practices is making it difficult for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to make progress on a broader, full-year \$1.4 trillion spending

bill. That measure is needed to implement the terms of last summer's hard-won budget agreement, which distributed budget increases to both the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

McConnell is personally invested in a successful budget outcome, and both he and Pelosi have long histories on appropriations. A meeting on Tuesday among the bipartisan leadership of the Appropriations committees could

produce an agreement on the stopgap measure — but efforts to smooth agreement on wall funding aren't going nearly as well.

The other top issue is a legislative update to the landmark North American Free Trade Agreement, which is especially sought by Trump's GOP allies and the party's Main Street supporters.

Pelosi is the key figure on trade, which is always a tricky issue for Democrats, even if the politics of the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement are nowhere near as divisive as NAFTA was 26 years ago. Passage of NAFTA in 1993 badly split House Democrats, but Pelosi, who represents the Port of San Francisco, voted "aye," as did Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., and powerful Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass.

Neal is leading a working group on the measure and says the group is "on the 5-yard line" and the optimistic take is that he and Pelosi will bring USMCA in for a touchdown.

The trade updates are generally seen as an improvement over NAFTA, whose provisions enforcing Mexican labor and environmental rules are seen as inadequate by many Democrats. The selling points for the new pact are that it updates NAFTA

for the 21st century with hard-won provisions on digital trade, intellectual property, financial services and agriculture trade.

Still, any impeachment-related delays could tax patience and thrust politically freighted issues like the border wall and the GOP's top goal of an updated U.S. trade pact with Mexico and Canada directly into the heat of the presidential primary campaign.

On spending, Trump is a wild card. He singlehandedly drove the 35-day partial shutdown that spanned the changeover between GOP and Democratic control of the House last winter. He has struggled to win much wall funding from Congress, where lawmakers in both parties have other designs for the money.

Trump has had more success in exploiting his transfer powers to siphon money from Pentagon anti-drug and military base construction accounts toward the wall, and construction is finally beginning on the new segments he has long promised.

Trump could easily spin a successful wall narrative without much more in new appropriations, and simply funding the government on autopilot — though hardly anyone is advocating that — would give him perhaps \$6 billion more.

Tillerson denies Haley's claim he undercut Trump

BY ANNE GEARAN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former secretary of state Rex Tillerson denied Monday that he sought to undermine or work against President Donald Trump, as former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley claims in a new memoir of her time in the administration.

"During my service to our country as the Secretary of State, at no time did I, nor to my direct knowledge did anyone else serving along with me, take any actions to undermine the President," Tillerson said in a statement to The Washington Post.

"My conversations with the President in the privacy of the Oval Office were always candid, frank, and my recommendations straightforward. Once the President made a decision, we at the State Department undertook our best efforts to implement that decision," Tillerson said.

"Ambassador Haley was rarely a participant in my many meetings and is not in a position to know what I may or may not have said to the President. I continue to be proud of my service as our country's 69th Secretary of State."

The statement was Tillerson's first response to Haley's characterization of a White House meeting in which she said he and John Kelly, then Trump's chief of staff, told her that they were seeking

ways around Trump to "save the country."

Haley wrote that after an Oval Office disagreement over U.N. funding for Palestinians, Tillerson and Kelly argued to her that she should work with them to divert U.S. policy from what they considered reckless Trump policies. She refused, she wrote in the new book, "With All Due Respect."

"Kelly and Tillerson confided in me that when they resisted the president, they weren't being insubordinate, they were trying to save the country," Haley wrote.

"It was their decisions, not the president's, that were in the best interests of America, they said. The president didn't know what he was doing," Haley wrote.

Tillerson also told her that people would die if Trump was unchecked, Haley wrote.

Haley described Tillerson as "arrogant and condescending," and said he resented her access to Trump. Tillerson did not address those allegations directly.

Trump's relationship with Tillerson, a former Exxon Mobil chief executive, deteriorated over Trump's first year in office. The two disagreed over policies including U.S. participation in the Iran nuclear deal and the Paris climate accord, and Trump came to see Tillerson as opposed to his "America First" agenda of immigration restrictions and international disengagement.




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Report: Nation's elections vulnerable, need oversight

BY CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The private companies that make voting equipment and build and maintain voter registration databases lack any meaningful federal oversight despite the crucial role they play in U.S. elections, leaving the nation's electoral process vulnerable to attack, according to a new report.

The Brennan Center for Justice on Tuesday issued the report, which calls on Congress to establish a framework for federal certification of election vendors. The authors say that could be established as a voluntary program, similar to how voting machines are certified, with incentives for state and local election officials to use vendors that have completed the process. It would include the establishment of federal standards and the ability for federal officials to monitor compliance and address any violations.

The report's co-author, Lawrence Norden, acknowledged in the report was too late for any of this to happen in time for the 2020 presidential election.

"Even if (Congress) had the will, it couldn't be passed in time," said Norden, director of the Election Reform Program at the Brennan Center. "This is another security vulnerability that Congress hasn't addressed."

Norden said congressional inaction has increased the pressure on state and local election officials to secure their voting systems and have measures in place should something go wrong. Although Congress sent \$380 million to states last year for election security, Norden said it was a "drop in the bucket" of what is needed as state and local election officials look to fund the replacement of outdated and insecure voting systems, an increase in cybersecurity personnel and additional security upgrades.

The Brennan Center, which is based at New York University School of Law, said in the report that the most logical agency to handle federal oversight of election vendors would be the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. But that agency has been hobbled in recent years by a reduction in federal funding and leadership vacancies.

Although two commissioners were added this year, the agency is searching for a new executive director and general counsel.

The report acknowledges the commission does not have the authority to would allow it to certify election vendors. But the commission could take steps through its existing certification program for voting systems to ask vendors to provide details on cybersecurity practices and owner-

ship information, according to the report. There have been concerns about foreign ownership of election companies operating in the U.S.

"Private vendors' central role in American elections makes them prime targets for adversaries," the report said. "Yet it is impossible to assess the precise level of risk associated with vendors or how that risk impacts election security."

The report notes that just three companies provide more than 80% of voting systems in the U.S. and that other systems like voter registration databases and electronic pollbooks are also supplied and, in some cases, maintained by vendors.

A report by The Associated Press last year found the leading voting-related companies had long skimped on security in favor of convenience and operate under a shroud of financial and operational secrecy despite their critical role in elections.

Federal officials have said they are mindful of the important role of election vendors and have sought to boost communications and information sharing through the formation of a group that brings together representatives of the Department of Homeland Security and election vendors. This includes the major firms of Election Systems and Software, Dominion Voting Systems and Hart



ALLEN G. BREED/AP

A new report says the nation's elections are vulnerable to attack due to a lack of robust federal oversight of the private companies that are involved in everything from manufacturing voting systems to maintaining voter registration databases.

InterCivic.

There are also efforts to develop a program that would allow authorized security researchers access to election equipment so vulnerabilities within election systems can be identified and addressed. The industry, historically opposed to such outside reviews, has signaled a willingness to explore this.

All the major firms have sought to reassure the public and election officials that it takes security seriously, but experts say it's difficult to confirm given the limited visibility into their operations.

The report noted that other industries also viewed as critical to national security, such as defense contractors, face substantial oversight and must comply with various requirements.

Norden said much of the focus within election security has been on the machines and how best to secure them but critical questions remain about how secure the vendors themselves are. He noted that former special counsel Robert Mueller described in his report how Russian agents in 2016 targeted employees of a voting technology company and installed malware on the company's network. Details on what happened and the extent of the breach have not been made public.

"Vendors are responsible for election security in a way that folks probably don't understand," Norden said. "When we talk about election security, we talk about what election officials are doing, but we've left this big special of the puzzle out of the discussion."

Maya Cummings seeks husband's seat in Congress

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The widow of U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings has resigned as Maryland's Democratic Party chair to run for her late husband's congressional seat.

Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, 48, was expected to formally announce her campaign at her Baltimore home Tuesday, news outlets reported. Congressman Elijah Cummings died last month at the age of 68.

"I am, of course, devastated at the loss of my spouse, but his spirit is with me," Rockey Moore Cummings told The Baltimore Sun. "I'm going to run this race and I'm going to run it hard, as if he's still right here by my side."

She says Cummings told her he wanted her to succeed him if he died. She said he was conflicted about whether he should resign or stay in office.

Rockey Moore Cummings also said she will undergo a preventive double mastectomy Friday. She expects her recovery to take up to four weeks.

Her mother died from breast cancer in 2015, and her sister was diagnosed with the disease last year, according to the newspaper. She said the surgery had been planned since before her husband died.

She's joining a crowded race for the 7th District congressional seat. At least six Democrats and three Republicans have filed for the position.

Rockey Moore Cummings, who resigned Monday as party chair, is a public policy consultant who founded the Washington consulting firm Global



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Maya Rockey Moore Cummings, widow of U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, will run to fill the remainder of her late husband's congressional term.

Policy Solutions LLC. State senator and party vice chair Cory McCreary will take over as interim chair.

The special primary for the congressional seat is Feb. 4. The special election is April 28. The winner will fill the rest of the congressman's term, until January 2021.

Trump loses another case about his taxes

BY DAVE GOLDNER
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A federal judge ruled Monday against President Donald Trump's effort to block New York state authorities from handing over his state taxes if asked by Congress.

"Mr. Trump has not met his burden," said Judge Carl Nichols, a Trump appointee on the U.S. District Court in Washington.

The ruling, the latest in a string of decisions to go against Trump, is narrowly framed and will not have any immediate impact.

It leaves open the door for Trump to file a similar lawsuit with another court if Congress actually moves to request the Trump state taxes.

The legislation in question, the TRUST Act, was sponsored by New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman, a Democrat, and signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. It authorizes New York tax officials to hand over returns of certain federal officials including the president if asked by Congress.

"While the Trump administration tramples over our democra-

cy and the rule of law, New York has given Congress a responsible way to hold the executive branch accountable through the TRUST Act," Hoylman said in a statement.

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has not yet requested the president's state taxes, which would generally mirror the federal 1040s that Trump has balked at releasing.

Trump has mounted a full-court legal press against handing over his tax returns, with little success so far.

Congress has issued a subpoena for his taxes from the Treasury Department citing a law that says it "shall provide" them. But Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin has refused to comply with the order.

New York prosecutors have so far won several court battles in their fight to get Trump's tax returns for their probe into possible financial wrongdoing.

That fight seems like it's headed for the Supreme Court.

NATION



RICHARD TSONG-TATARI, (MINNEAPOLIS) STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Michael Darger watches Mercury transit across the sun with one of Bell Museum's telescopes in St. Paul, Minn., on Monday.

As stargazers peer, Mercury makes rare transit across sun

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mercury skipped across the vast, glaring face of the sun Monday in a rare celestial transit.

Stargazers used solar-filtered binoculars and telescopes to spot Mercury — a tiny black dot — as it passed directly between Earth and the sun on Monday.

The eastern U.S. and Canada

got the whole 5½-hour show, weather permitting, along with Central and South America. The rest of the world, except for Asia and Australia, got just a sampling.

Mercury is the solar system's smallest, innermost planet. The next transit isn't until 2032, and North America won't get another shot until 2049.

In Maryland, clouds prevent-

ed NASA solar astrophysicist Alex Young from getting a clear peek. Live coverage was provided by observatories including NASA's orbiting Solar Dynamics Observatory.

"It's a burner, but the whole event was still great," Young wrote in an email. "Both getting to see it from space and sharing it with people all over the country and world."

Boeing outlines steps to resume 737 Max flights

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Boeing hopes to resume deliveries of its 737 Max jet to airlines in December and win regulatory approval to restart commercial service with the plane in January.

Meanwhile, Boeing shares rose in midday trading Monday.

The company spelled out several steps that it needs to complete before the grounded plane can carry passengers again.

Pilot training has emerged as a key issue around the plane's return — and an area where Boeing failed when it introduced the plane in 2017.

The timetable that the company laid out Monday would allow it to generate cash by delivering planes even before the Federal Aviation Administration approves new training material for pilots.

Boeing said it has demonstrated changes to the plane during sessions with the FAA in a flight simulator.

It still must show regulators those changes during one or more certification flights.

Boeing's expectations around the timing of the Max's return have proven too optimistic many times before.

Even after the FAA approves a training regimen, airlines will need time to retrain pilots, and they plan to conduct flights —

Airlines will need time to retrain pilots, and they plan to conduct flights — likely with executives and reporters on board — to demonstrate to the public that the plane is safe.

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Two big U.S. customers — Southwest and American — say they don't expect the Max to carry passengers until early March — a year after the plane was grounded following crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed 346 people.

Boeing has continued to pump out about 42 Max jets a month at its factory in the Seattle area, but it has been burning through cash because it can't deliver those planes and get paid by the airlines.

In midday trading, shares of Chicago-based Boeing Co. rose \$13.77, or 3.9%, to \$364.77.

SpaceX launches 60 more mini satellites for global internet

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX launched 60 mini satellites Monday, the second batch of an orbiting network meant to provide global internet coverage.

The Falcon rocket blasted into the morning sky, marking the unprecedented fourth flight of a booster for SpaceX. The compact flat-panel satellites — just 575 pounds each — will join 60 launched in May.

SpaceX founder and chief executive Elon Musk wants to put thousands of these Starlink satellites in orbit to offer high-speed internet service everywhere. He plans to start service next year in the northern U.S. and Canada, with global coverage for populated areas after 24 launches.

Last month, Musk used an orbiting Starlink satellite to send a tweet: "Whoa, it worked!" Employees gathered at company bases on both coasts cheered

SpaceX is among several companies interested in providing broadband internet coverage worldwide.

when the first-stage booster landed on a floating platform in the Atlantic.

"These boosters are designed to be used 10 times. Let's turn it around for a fifth, guys," company's launch commentator said.

This also marked the first time SpaceX used a previously flown nose cone. The California-based company reuses rocket parts to cut costs.

Stacked flat inside the top of the rocket, the newest satellites were going to maneuver even higher following liftoff, using krypton-

powered thrusters.

SpaceX said there was a potential problem with one of the 60 that could prevent it from moving beyond its initial 174 mile-high orbit. In that case, the faulty satellite will be commanded to re-enter and burn up harmlessly in the atmosphere.

Each satellite has an autonomous system for dodging space junk. In September, however, the European Space Agency had to move one of its satellites out of the way of a Starlink satellite. SpaceX later said it corrected the problem.

SpaceX is among several companies interested in providing broadband internet coverage worldwide, especially in areas where it costs too much or is unreliable. Others include OneWeb and Jeff Bezos' Amazon.

According to Musk, Starlink revenue can help SpaceX develop rockets and spacecraft for traveling to Mars, his overriding ambition.



MALCOLM DENEMARK, FLORIDA TODAY/AP

Julie and Doc Todd watch the SpaceX launch of 60 mini satellites from KARS Park in Florida on Monday.

NATION

Record-breaking cold hits Midwest

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Much of the snow that was supposed to fall in the Midwest has come down, and now it's time for the main event: record-breaking cold.

The National Weather Service said Tuesday and Wednesday may see record cold from the southern Plains to the Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes and beyond, thanks to what it calls an "arctic air mass" that started in Siberia and has been spilling over a big chunk of the Midwest and East Coast.

There was still expected to be plenty of snow into Tuesday in parts of the Northeast as the weather service reported the region may see up to a foot of snow, creating what it called "hazardous travel conditions." Meanwhile, temperatures were forecast below freezing as far south as the Texas Gulf Coast.

Records are expected to be broken in Chicago as well. Weather service meteorologist Kevin Birk said the high for the Windy City

is expected to reach 21 degrees Fahrenheit, which is 7 degrees lower than the previous record set for Nov. 12. Low temperatures in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa could drop into the single digits, according to Birk.

In Minnesota, Monday had the coldest high temperature in three decades in the Twin Cities, at 18 degrees, and some Minnesota lakes were freezing earlier than normal.

"This is an air mass that's more typical for the middle of January than mid-November," said Birk. "It is pretty much about the coldest it could be this time of year (and) it could break records all over the region."

In some areas, the mercury fell quickly. Temperatures in Denver climbed past 70 degrees over the weekend, only to fall to 14 degrees early Monday.

As the weather made driving difficult in much of the Midwest, authorities said Monday's snowfall was to blame for four deaths.

The Eaton County Sheriff's Of-



CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

A woman walking the half-mile from Chicago's Adler Planetarium to the Chicago Aquarium braces herself in the stiff wind and blowing snow off Lake Michigan on Monday.

fice in Michigan said two women, ages 81 and 64, and a 57-year-old man were killed in a two-vehicle crash caused by poor road conditions. In Kansas, the highway patrol said a girl, 8, died in a three-vehicle wreck.

Officials in central Wyoming were searching for a 16-year-old autistic boy who went missing Sunday wearing only his pajamas.

In Chicago, a plane landing at O'Hare International Airport on Monday slid across the runway. No one was injured. More than 1,000 flights at O'Hare and Midway International Airport were canceled after more than 3 inches of snow fell.

Potentially hazardous conditions extended Tuesday to a large swath of the Northeast, and snowy and icy conditions slowed traffic

in parts of Pennsylvania.

The National Weather Service reported that, in all, snowfall totals could reach up to a foot or more in some parts of Indiana, Michigan and Vermont.

Areas west of the Rocky Mountains would be spared the arctic air, with above-average temperatures expected in some of those places, according to the weather service.

FAA: 49 Southwest jets possibly not inspected properly

By LORI ARATANI

The Washington Post

Southwest Airlines is operating 49 jets that may not have been properly inspected and should be grounded until it can be determined that they meet U.S. airworthiness standards, according to a top official at the Federal Aviation Administration.

The aircraft in question are among 88 used jets purchased from foreign carriers by Southwest between 2013 and 2017. The planes underwent special inspections, including reviews of their maintenance records, before being cleared to fly, according to the FAA.

Now, the quality of those inspections is being questioned.

In a memo sent to FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson last month labeled

"URGENT: Action Required, Southwest Airlines Airworthiness Concerns," Clayton Foushee, director of the FAA's Office of Audit and Evaluation, raised concerns about the contractors Southwest had used to inspect the aircraft. He noted that subsequent reviews by FAA inspectors and the airline had turned up hundreds of instances of undocumented repairs that were made on the planes that were not identified in previous reviews.

In other instances, Foushee noted, at the time airworthiness certificates were issued, Southwest Airlines "admitted they had not even translated all the maintenance records into English, making a complete check of airworthiness impossible."

Foushee recommended that the agency take immediate action to suspend or re-

voked the airworthiness certificates of the 49 planes that have yet to be reinspected.

"We conclude there is a high likelihood of a violation of a regulation, order or standard of the FAA related to aviation safety, which requires immediate corrective action," Foushee wrote. "Additionally, [Southwest Airlines] is unable to certify to the FAA (or the flying public) that the remaining 49 aircraft currently meet FAA airworthiness requirements, and the data collected to date would indicate that the majority of them do not."

However, the FAA has continued to allow the planes to fly, saying Southwest is taking the agency's concerns seriously.

A spokeswoman for Southwest maintained that the planes are safe and said the airline has a plan in place for ensuring that

all inspections are completed.

"The FAA recently indicated that additional and perhaps expedited review is required," said spokeswoman Brandy King. "As requested in the FAA letter, Southwest met an FAA two-day deadline to conduct a Safety Risk Analysis on documentation associated with the 41 pre-owned aircraft that have gone through full inspections in an effort to detect any repair trends."

"Southwest also complied with a seven-day deadline to perform a Safety Risk Analysis on the 38 aircraft that had yet to be inspected," King said. "Southwest voluntarily initiated a General Visual Inspection of these 38 aircraft as part of the Safety Risk Analysis and completed the inspections, satisfying all FAA requirements."

Officer accused of killing his Okla. police chief charged, held in Fla.

By TAMARA LUSH AND JAKE BLEIBERG

Associated Press

A small-town Oklahoma policeman was charged with killing his chief after what authorities described as an alcohol-fueled brawl in a Florida Panhandle hotel room.

The two men had been staying at the Hilton on Pensacola Beach over the weekend for a law enforcement conference, said Escambia County, Fla., sheriff's spokeswoman Amber Southard.

At some point early Sunday evening, hotel security was called because the two men were being disruptive, Southard said. Later

that evening, hotel staff called the sheriff's department because the men were fighting.

"An actual physical altercation," she said.

When deputies arrived, they found Chief Lucky Miller dead, Southard said, and there was no weapon. She added that alcohol was involved and that an autopsy was underway.

A person who answered the phone at a number associated with Miller declined to comment and asked that The Associated Press not call again.

Michael Patrick Nealey, 49, was arrested Monday morning and charged with killing Miller, according to records.

Miller was the police chief in Mannford, Okla., a small town about 20 miles west of Tulsa. It has a population of about 3,200.



Miller

Nealey was being held without bond at the Escambia County Jail. He's charged with homicide.

Miller,

44, had been police chief since 2007. He and his wife had three children.

"We are heartbroken by the

news," Mayor Tyler Buttram said in a statement. "Please keep both families in your prayers as we work to move forward."

The town administrator has appointed another officer as interim police chief.

The conference was to be held Monday to Wednesday at the hotel, but it's unclear if it is still scheduled. An email to the organization wasn't immediately returned.

One of the presenters said his session had been canceled. A Mannford police officer told The Tulsa (Okla.) World that the pair was in Florida to learn about death scene investigations.

"Mike Nealey was our detec-

tive. Lucky was a hands-on guy, so he always wanted to be there to learn things like that," Officer Jerry Ridley said.

Brett Graves, the president of Carterson Public Safety, the company that organized the event, said in a statement that he was saddened by the news.

"We would like to extend our condolences to the families and agency of those involved."

Buttram said the two men were "the best of friends" and told the AP that he can't fathom what happened in Florida.

"That's what makes everything so hard. We can't even wrap our heads around this," he said. "The city's just stunned."

PACIFIC

Abusive S. Korean facility exported children

Brothers Home was part of orphanage pipeline to private adoption agencies

By KIM TONG-HYUNG
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Associated Press

BUSAN, South Korea — A South Korean facility that kidnapped and abused children and the disabled for a generation was also shipping children overseas for adoption, part of a massive profit-seeking enterprise that thrived by exploiting those trapped within its walls, The Associated Press has found.

The AP, which previously exposed a government cover-up at Brothers Home and a level of abuse greater than earlier known, has now found that the facility was part of an orphanage pipeline feeding private adoption agencies.

Relying on documents obtained from officials and freedom of information requests, the AP uncovered direct evidence that 19 children were adopted out of Brothers and sent abroad, as well as indirect evidence showing at least 51 more adoptions. The adoptions the AP found took place between 1979 and 1986.

There were probably many more adoptions over the three decades Brothers operated, but the extent will likely never be known. Most documents have been lost, destroyed or withheld by the government and adoption agencies.

The AP found one of the adoptees.

J. Hwang, who asked to be quoted by the name on her adoption papers because of privacy concerns, was 4 in 1982 when documents say police officers found her on the street and took her to Brothers, a compound in Busan. After her initial adoption fell through, she was sent weeks later to another orphanage and then to her new home in North America.

"One of my main questions is wondering if I was supposed to be [at Brothers] or if my parents, my biological parents, are still out there looking for me," said Hwang, who didn't know she had been at Brothers. "Why me?"

The previous AP investigation uncovered details about Brothers, where from the 1960s to the late 1980s thousands of children and adults that authorities deemed "vagrants" were rounded up and kept. Many were enslaved, raped and even beaten to death.

But Brothers was also separating young children for adoption, the AP found. Brothers sent those children to adoption agencies, which placed them with families in the West.

During that period, South Korea's ruling military dictatorship aggressively institutionalized and exported poor children for profit and to clear the streets of those considered socially unacceptable.

Adoptive parents were unaware of the horrors happening where their children once lived or that their payments likely helped fund an abusive facility. Biological parents may not have known that their children were at Brothers, let alone sent overseas.

Lee Chae-sik, now 50, worked at the Brothers nursery as a boy. Once a month, for two years in the early 1980s, Lee said he penned letters bound for North America. Each letter was attached to a photo of a foreign couple and another of a Brothers child.

Hundreds of times, Lee wrote: "We have received the money and gifts you sent us.



PHOTOS BY AHN YOUNG-JOON/AP

People walk past a photo of guards unloading children from a truck at the Brothers Home in Busan as it is displayed in front of the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, in April. An Associated Press investigation found the facility shipped children overseas for adoption as part of a massive profit-seeking enterprise.



Choi Seung-woo, a victim of Brothers Home, sits next to a tent in front of the National Assembly in Seoul on Nov. 5. Choi and other former Brothers Home inmates have been camping out in front of the National Assembly's gate for more than two years, calling for lawmakers to pass a bill that would launch a full investigation into past human rights atrocities.

Thank you." The letters addressed the couples as "yangbumo," which typically means adoptive parents.

He said the photos were filed in a folder marked "Holt," which is also the name of an adoption agency. Dozens of times, he said, the children in the photos would disappear just days after the letters were sent.

Lee said he has "no doubt" that Brothers was selling babies.

Kim Sang-ha, who spent 12 years at

Brothers until 1987, remembers writing similar letters.

Park Gyeong-bo, who was at Brothers from 1975 to 1980, said guards would occasionally dress up children for photos that inmates thought were for adoption papers because the children would later disappear.

Former inmate Lee Hye-yul said she was 7 when she was told by a Brothers official that she would be sent to a family in

Britain. Lee begged and cried for days to have the adoption called off. She was later told that the adoption was canceled but not why.

Several former adoption workers, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of privacy restrictions, agreed that what Lee Chae-sik described likely indicated an international adoption process.

Because of the loss of records, there's no direct evidence to back the claims that adoptions were part of Brothers owner Park In-keun's money-making operations. But experts say Park wouldn't have sent children away unless he was getting more money than from keeping them at the compound, where he received government subsidies for each inmate and used inmates for slave labor.

Records will never show the real number of adoptions from Brothers, which came as adoption agencies competed for children and falsified the origins of many of them, said Lee Kyung-eun, a legal expert on transnational adoptions.

Holt International spokeswoman Susan Sooneum Cox told the AP that David Kim, a former president of the Oregon-based agency, couldn't recall specifics but remembers that Holt Korea worked with Brothers. The two agencies separated in the 1970s but maintained a partnership.

The AP confirmed five other U.S. agencies took children from Brothers: Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Dillon International, Children's Home Society of California, Catholic Social Services and Spence-Chapin. None verified adoptions from Brothers when approached by the AP.

Hwang said she never cared about the details of her adoption. But now she's filled with questions, including, perhaps most importantly, whether her birth family willingly gave her up.

"I'm very curious about what the real story is for my first six years," she said. "I have thought all my life that it was one thing, and now it's changed."

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J. Hwang
adoptive

WORLD

Israel kills Islamic Jihad leader, sets off clash

BY FARES AKRAM
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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel launched airstrikes Tuesday against two senior commanders from the Palestinian militant group Islamic Jihad, killing one in Gaza but missing another in Syria, in a sharp escalation of Israel's regional conflict with Iran, which backs the militant group.

The attack sparked an hours-long exchange of rocket fire from Gaza and further airstrikes, the worst bout of fighting there in recent months.

In eastern Gaza, the Israeli strike killed Bahaa Abu el-Atta and his wife. They set off a barrage of Gaza-fired rockets that reached as far as the Tel Aviv heartland as the Islamic Jihad vowed further revenge.

Israel's military said Abu el-Atta was the mastermind of recent attacks against Israel and was the militant group's top commander in Gaza.

Three other Palestinian mili-



SANA/AP

Syrian officials check the damage to a building targeted by Israeli missile strikes in Damascus, Syria, on Tuesday morning.

tants were killed in additional Israeli strikes.

Meanwhile, Syrian officials said an Israeli airstrike in the capital, Damascus, targeted another Islamic Jihad commander, Akram al-Ajouri, who was not harmed.

Syria's state-run news agency said Israeli warplanes fired three missiles at al-Ajouri's home, killing his son and granddaughter. The Israeli military had no comment.

Amid the ongoing violence, Egyptian officials said Cairo was

attempting to deescalate tensions and had "opened channels" with the U.S. and the European Union. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

The sudden surge in violence looked to awaken Israel's increasingly open conflict with Iran and its proxies in the region. Iran supplies Islamic Jihad with training, expertise and money, though most of the group's weapons in Gaza are believed to be locally produced.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has issued a series of warnings recently about alleged Iranian aggression throughout the Middle East. Netanyahu also has been criticized by residents along the southern border and political rivals for a tepid response to recent militant attacks. Netanyahu's Security Cabinet held a lengthy emergency meeting to discuss further action.

Afterward, speaking alongside military chief Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi, Netanyahu said Israel

had no interest in escalation but would do everything necessary to defend itself against people like Abu el-Atta, whom he described as an "arch-terrorist" and "the main generator of terrorism from the Gaza Strip."

"He was in the midst of plotting additional attacks these very days. He was a ticking bomb," Netanyahu said.

The airstrikes come at a tenuous time politically for Israel, as Netanyahu leads a caretaker government after two inconclusive elections. His chief challenger, former military chief Benny Gantz, is trying to build a coalition government of his own.

Gantz said he had been briefed on the airstrike in advance, calling it "the right decision," and Netanyahu updated his rival on developments later Tuesday, according to the prime minister's office.

A successful military operation could bolster Netanyahu as he seeks to hold onto power — especially if he is indicted on corruption charges.

Police, protesters face off in ongoing Hong Kong clashes

BY KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police and protesters battled outside university campuses and several thousand demonstrators blocked roads as they took over a central business district at lunchtime Tuesday in another day of protest in Hong Kong.

The clashes followed an especially violent day in Hong Kong's five months of anti-government demonstrations, in which police shot one protester and a man was set on fire.

Protesters littered streets with bricks and disrupted train service during the morning rush hour Tuesday. Commuter train passengers were escorted along the tracks, and subways were shut because of disruptions.

Police used tear gas in faccuffs with protesters in and around universities, where classes were canceled. Following a stand-off outside Chinese University, scores of officers charged onto the campus after firing tear gas, arresting student protesters who tried to block their way with makeshift barricades, including a burning car.

A few thousand protesters took over several blocks of the central business district at lunchtime. The demonstrators chanted, "Five demands, not one less," holding up

one hand with five outstretched fingers. Their demands include democratic changes and investigation of police treatment of protesters.

Traffic was blocked on two major roads by the crowds, with half a dozen of Hong Kong's famous trams lined up unable to move. The words "Join Us" were spray-painted on the front window of a halted double-decker bus abandoned by the driver and passengers, and one of its windows was broken.

Office workers filled the sidewalks and overhead walkways to watch the action, with some joining the protesters in chanting. One man, 24, who would not give his name, said he was there to support the protesters and accused the police of using excessive force, a common complaint among the city's 7.4 million people.

Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters and onlookers who were hurling abuse at the officers. At least one person was injured when he was struck on the head by a tear gas canister. But protesters returned by evening and were again blocking roads with bricks and commandeered buses.

Recent weeks have been marked by escalating vandalism against shops linked to mainland China and assaults by both protesters and pro-Beijing supporters.



NATACHA PISARENKO/AP

People gather outside a police station attacked by supporters of former President Evo Morales in El Alto, on the outskirts of La Paz, Bolivia, on Tuesday.

Confusion reigns in Bolivia as its ex-leader flies to exile in Mexico

BY LUIS ANDRES HENAO
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Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Evo Morales, who transformed Bolivia as its first indigenous president, was flying to exile in Mexico on Tuesday after weeks of violent protests, leaving behind a confused power vacuum in the Andean nation.

Morales flew out on a Mexican government plane late Monday, hours after being granted asylum. As his supporters and foes fought on the streets of Bolivia's capital, an opposition leader laid out a possible — but still uncertain — path toward new elections in the wake of the president's resignation.

Prodded by military leaders, Morales stepped down Sunday following weeks of widespread protests fed by allegations of electoral fraud in the Oct. 20 presidential election that he claimed to have won.

Resignations by every other constitutionally designated successor left unclear who would take his place and how.

The Senate's second vice president, opposition politician Jeanine Anez, called a legislative session on Tuesday to formally

accept Morales' resignation and choose an interim replacement.

Under the plan, she would take temporary control of the Senate, making her next in line for the presidency.

"The country is experiencing dramatic moments, and all parliamentarians have the obligation to give certainty to the country," she told a news conference.

It wasn't immediately clear if the session would occur or if a majority of senators would go along. Morales' backers still have a majority in the body.

Morales' departure was a dramatic fall for the one-time llama shepherd from the Bolivian highlands and former coca growers' union leader who, as president, helped lift millions out of poverty, increased social rights and presided over nearly 14 years of stability and high economic growth in South America's poorest country.

In the end, his downfall was prompted by his insistence on holding onto power despite a public referendum against continuous re-elections.

"It pains me to leave the country for political reasons, but I'll always be concerned," Morales said on Twitter. "I'll return soon, with more strength and energy."

Trump, Macron to meet next month

Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron said he will meet with President Donald Trump ahead of the Dec. 3-4 NATO summit in London.

Macron tweeted that he had an "excellent discussion" with Trump on Monday evening about Syria, Iran and the NATO military alliance. The tweet evoked "lots of convergences," he said, without elaborating.

The phone call comes after Macron claimed last week that a lack of U.S. leadership is causing the "brain drain" of NATO and said the European Union must step up and start acting as a strategic world power.

Trump's preoccupation with defense spending has been a constant theme since he came to office in 2016 and is expected to feature at the December summit.

WORLD

Winds fan savage fires in populous state in Australia

By ROD MCGUIRK
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Ferocious wildfires were burning at emergency-level intensity across Australia's most populous state and into Sydney's suburbs on Tuesday as authorities warned most people in their paths that there was no longer time to flee.

New South Wales state is under a weeklong state of emergency, a declaration that gives the Rural Fire Service sweeping powers to control resources and direct other government agencies in its efforts to battle fires.

The worst fires on Tuesday emerged in the state's northeast, where three people have died and more than 150 homes have been

destroyed since Friday.

A catastrophic fire warning was in place for Sydney, Australia's largest city, where a large blaze threatened homes on Tuesday afternoon in northern suburban Turramurra, 11 miles from the city's downtown area.

A firefighter suffered a fractured arm and ribs before the fire was rapidly contained with the aid of a jet dumping fire retardant and a helicopter dropping water, officials said. Turramurra residents reported trees catching fire in their backyards from embers.

Rural Fire Service Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said many people had heeded his warning and evacuated their



DARREN PATEMAN, AAP IMAGES/AP

Jamie Fato attempts to stop an out-of-control fire entering Owen Whalan's property at Kooranghat, near Taree, New South Wales state, on Tuesday.

homes in the danger zone well ahead of the escalating fire threat on Tuesday.

"We've got very tight, winding roads into a lot of these areas, which is why we talked about leaving early as the safest option," Fitzsimmons told reporters.

"The last thing we want to do is be managing mass evacuations in pretty difficult to access areas and running the risk of having a whole bunch of congested roadways and seeing people inciner-

ated in their cars," he added.

Of 85 fires burning across New South Wales, 14 were rated as emergencies and burning out of control by late afternoon, the Rural Fire Service said. That's the largest number across the state in decades apart from Friday, when an unprecedented 17 emergency fires blazed.

"It is too late to leave on most of these fires, and sheltering is now your only option as fire approaches," Fitzsimmons said.

2 trains in Bangladesh collide; at least 16 dead

Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Two trains collided in eastern Bangladesh on Tuesday, killing at least 16 people and injuring scores, officials said.

Local police Chief Shayamal Kanti Das said the collision took place when the Udayan Express and Turna Nishita trains approached each other on the same track from opposite directions in Brahmanbaria district. The area is 51 miles east of the capital, Dhaka.

Local government administrator Hayat Uddin Dowlat Khan said 16 people died and at least 40 others were being treated at hospi-

tals for injuries. The United News of Bangladesh news agency said more than 100 were injured.

TV footage showed fire service rescuers pulling bodies from the twisted coaches and using body bags to send the bodies to hospital morgues.

Authorities were investigating the accident, but officials said they found the driver of the Turna Nishita train responsible because he ignored a signal. That driver and two others have been suspended.

Train accidents are common in Bangladesh, blamed mainly on unsupervised railway crossings, poor signaling and bad track conditions.



AP

People gather near badly damaged coaches after two speeding trains collided in Brahmanbaria district, 51 miles east of Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday.

US-born economist fires on Chilean demonstrators

By TEO ARMUS
The Washington Post

John Cobin, 56, a U.S.-born economist and former member of a neo-Confederate group, is so passionate about a free market — and about Chile — that he's devoted the past two decades to marrying the two.

Cobin's unusual story took a violent turn last weekend when he drove through one of the many crowds that have paralyzed Chile in recent weeks as they protest income inequality and a high cost of living. Cobin was arrested Sunday, police said, after he repeatedly fired a gun into a crowd in a beachside town, seriously injuring at least one person.

"I did not do anything wrong," Cobin said in a video filmed just before his arrest. "It was a very dangerous, very scary time for me. Thankfully, I had my gun to be able to defend myself."

After speeding his pickup truck through a crowd of people, video of the scene shows Cobin shot his gun at demonstrators five times.

The shocking incident underscores the violence that Chilean protesters have been facing at the hands of their government, and occasionally other civilians. As of Friday, at least 20 people have been killed and about 1,600 have been injured, according to human rights observers, as crowds face water cannons and tear gas, and pellets are shot in close range.



ESTERAN FELIX/AP

Anti-government demonstrators are sprayed by a police water cannon during protests in Santiago, Chile, on Monday.

Rights group seeking probe of Syrian crimes

BERLIN — A human rights group says it has asked Norwegian prosecutors to open a criminal investigation against senior Syrian officials over allegations of torture and crimes against humanity.

The Berlin-based European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights said Tuesday it filed the complaint together with four other groups on behalf of five torture survivors.

The plaintiffs want Norwegian prosecutors to investigate and issue arrest warrants against 17 senior members of Syria's security apparatus allegedly linked to 14 detention facilities in the country.

Bankers offer gold bars to hide clients' cash

At the height of the Danske Bank A/S dirty-money scandal, the lender started offering gold bars to wealthy clients to help them keep their fortunes hidden, according to documents seen by Bloomberg.

The bank's Estonian branch, which was already wiring billions of client dollars to offshore accounts, told a select group of customers, mostly from Russia, that they could now also convert their money into gold bars and coins, according to the documents, which date to the middle of 2012.

Aside from offering a hedge against risk, Danske pitched gold as a way for clients to achieve "anonymity," according to the documents. It also said that using gold ensured "portability" of assets, according to an internal presentation dated June 2012.

Russian court orders murder suspect held

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — A St. Petersburg court on Monday ordered a prominent history professor suspected of murdering and dismembering a female student to be held in custody pending trial.

Oleg Sokolov, 63, taught at the St. Petersburg State University and became famous for his books about the Napoleonic era.

He confessed to the murder, according to his lawyer, Alexander Pochuev. Investigators said Sokolov shot and killed Anastasia Eschenko, 24, on Thursday at his apartment and then dismembered her body.

Berlusconi won't testify at trial about Mafiosi

ROME — Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi has declined to testify at the appeals trial of a longtime associate convicted of trying to be a bridge between mobsters and politicians.

Berlusconi told the court in Palermo, Sicily, on Monday that his lawyers advised him not to answer questions. He also refused to be photographed or filmed while in the courtroom.

Prosecutors have alleged that Sicily's Cosa Nostra sought to approach politicians in a bid for less harsh laws against Mafiosi.

From wire reports

WORLD

KFC takes on local chicken eatery in Senegal

By DANIELLE PAQUETTE

The Washington Post

DAKAR, Senegal — The Senegalese phone salesman didn't expect "finger lickin' good" to be so literal. But the greasel He needed three, four, five napkins. And the American portion size left his jaw aching. "Eating KFC exhausts me," Momar Lissa Ndiaye said.

He'd wondered why people were lining up around the block to try the West African country's first Kentucky Fried Chicken. Television stars, high-heeled models and the president's son attended the grand opening in early October. Fireworks crackled above. Suddenly everyone was taking selfies at the two-story eatery with a giant bucket in the sky.

Ndiaye, 42, preferred the competition: Africa Fried Chicken. He spent his next lunch break at the older restaurant on the outside of town — one with a strikingly similar logo and color scheme.

"I'll drive longer to eat at Africa Fried Chicken," he said, ordering wings at the red-and-white counter.

As Popeye's and Chick-fil-A duke it out for sandwich supremacy in the United States, a new era of fried chicken has dawned across the Atlantic in rapidly developing Dakar, setting the stage for another kind of fast-food feud.

In one corner stands the shiny newcomer to this part of the continent, an empire with 21,000 stores worldwide. In the other is a Senegal-spun kitchen that was clearly inspired by it.

Some accuse AFC of copying KFC down to the last breadcrumb crumb. Others point out that KFC arrived second and suggest it should cater more to local tastes — maybe even change its name here.

Both stores boast secret recipes and oceanfront views in the Senegalese capital, which is home to 3 million potential customers. They are vying for poultry dominance in one of Africa's fastest-growing markets. Both spark plenty of conversation online.

"They're about to [put] the Senegalese [knockoffs] out of business!" one customer wrote on KFC's Google reviews.

"Best chicken spot in town," another user wrote on AFC's page.

The high-calorie commercial war heats up as more restaurateurs seek to enter or expand in a region with an exploding middle class and the youngest population on Earth. Analysts say the potential — and the appetites — are bottomless.

Success, however, isn't guaranteed in a city where people can buy a hot plate of chicken and rice on the street for less than



PHOTOS BY YAQIYE EMEZ/For The Washington Post

Africa Fried Chicken stands out from other buildings in Dakar, Senegal, with its red-and-white color scheme similar to that of the country's first KFC store in Dakar, below.



\$3 — or ask a fisherman on the beach to catch them a snapper and grill it on the spot. Companies must stand out to lure customers away from cheaper traditional fare.

When Ndiaye, the phone seller, visited KFC on a recent Monday, it was practically gleaming. A banner made for Instagram greeted guests. So did a crowd-control rope that looked like it belonged in an airport.

Mohamed Massamba, a college engineering student, took one bite of his chicken burger and was glad he saved his high school graduation money for that moment.

"I don't have the words," the 18-year-old said, gazing at the slick wrapper. "It's just an incredible feeling. So crispy."

Khadja Gueye, 17, came for the taste she found on vacation in Morocco.

"The flavors other places advertise here, I can make that at home" the high-schooler said.

KFC Senegal has sold an average of 1,000 meals per day in a recent three-week period, said Cheikh Hamidou Fall, the franchise's marketing chief.

It was built to accommodate 800 orders, so wait times have stretched. A guard stands at the door, telling customers to remain patient outside when the dining room is too cramped.

Besides, Fall said, KFC Senegal's chief executive, Anta Babacar Ngom Diack, descends from chicken royalty. Her family owns one of the region's biggest chicken companies, with a plant that processes 4,000 birds per hour.

At the opening ceremony, she sported a bright red blazer — a feminine twist on the founder's classic look.

"When I was a kid, my parents would come back from Paris with buckets of KFC in their suitcases," she said.

Diack, 35, worked her way up at her father's business but began yearning for her own project about six years ago.

That's when she started emailing KFC every month, asking, "Can we open a franchise here?"

"I was persistent," she said.

When the middle class exploded and the market was ready and the dream finally manifested, she pledged to hire an all-female staff. Now the receipts say, KFC First Ladies.

People called her sexist, Diack said, but she wanted to boost an underappreciated workforce. The goal for her next store, is to give job opportunities to people with disabilities, she said.

Across town, a polished red staircase welcomes guests to Africa Fried Chicken, which opened in 2016 and has its own jumbo bucket sign.

The AFC letters look an awful lot like KFC's, but the storefront touts a purely Senegalese option — *ditberterie le walo*, or grilled sheep.

Diners who slide into AFC's red leather booths can feel the ocean breeze. The windows stay open. Fans are blowing. There's a photo on the wall of Moammar Gadhafi.

The menu features buckets of chicken with barbecue sauce, mayo and a blend of local spices. Waiters serve juice cocktails named after African musicians, including Youssou N'Dour, whom Rolling Stone once dubbed "the most famous singer alive" in Senegal.

His son owns the place.

Birane Ndour, 38, initially wanted to open a KFC.

When he studied business in Paris, fast food was his study fuel. He sensed his friends back home would love it too.

The American chain, however, rebuffed his outreach.

"I won't go into the details, but the response was not favorable," he said.

So, Ndour vowed to launch a better version — a Senegalese version. He asked a neighborhood mom "who cooks for everyone," he said, to draft the menu. (He won't share the recipe.)

Now he wants to shred his original design. Completely renovate AFC. Sleek beige will replace the red and white. Maybe customers can enjoy a hookah on the new second floor.

He plans to change the logo and open more stores across the city. Locations in the suburbs will feature lower prices, he said, because income tends to be lower there.

Then he can compete with the chicken giant.

"I believe in Africa. I believe in the taste."

As for what's next?

"I'd like to take it into the United States," he said.

Snorkeler was missing until his hand was found inside a shark

By ALEX HORTON

The Washington Post

Warm Indian Ocean waters have sent predators onto the so-called shark highway linking South Africa and Australia, and one stop is notable for drawing in tourists and sharks alike: Reunion Island.

A Scottish tourist was snorkeling in a lagoon's idyllic waters east of Madagascar on Nov. 2 when he vanished, prompting a daylong search that included capturing and opening up tiger sharks to find signs of a human.

An autopsy of one of the sharks

revealed the man's fate. His severed hand was found inside the shark and his wife identified it by the wedding ring still on his finger.

The French island has been a magnet for shark attacks this decade, with 11 shark attack fatalities since 2010, including two this year.

In May, a surfer died after his leg was bitten off in an area where surfing is off-limits, and a fisherman was killed in January, USA Today reported.

It was not clear if the tourist who died last week was attacked by a shark or if he drowned and

was later devoured by one.

U.K. officials at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office declined to identify the tourist, though regional media reported he was from Edinburgh and was at Reunion Island to celebrate his wife's birthday.

Shark attacks — mostly by bulls and tigers — increased 23-fold on the island between 2005 and 2016, researchers have said, pointing to a boom in development and the volcanic origins as two contributing factors.

"Hawaii is not so different from Reunion," Gavin Naylor, the program director for the Florida

Program for Shark Research, told The Washington Post.

"These remote volcanic islands rising up from the sea floor and provide good habitat for fishes including large sharks," he said, including tiger, bull and Galapagos sharks.

Those sharks collide with tourists drawn to the island's pristine waters, and the chances of contact increase, Naylor said.

Bull sharks prefer muddy waters and freshwater estuaries, and runoff from development may have helped create those conditions, Marc Soria, a shark researcher, told Smithsonian

Magazine.

The volcanic island's steep floor may also funnel the deep-water tiger sharks closer to the shoreline, he said. Tiger sharks are second only to great whites in worldwide attacks, according to National Geographic.

"These large, blunt-nosed predators have a duly earned reputation as man-eaters," according to the magazine. "But because they have a near completely undiscerning palate, they are not likely to swim away after biting a human as great whites frequently do."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Fire-damaged flag cleaned for vet's family

IN HOBART — A group of northwestern Indiana firefighters cleaned and returned a fire-damaged American flag to the family of a Korean War veteran.

After a January fire gutted his Hobart apartment, Steven Paul asked firefighters to try to find the flag he'd received at the funeral for his Navy veteran father, Kenneth E. Paul. They found the flag but it was damaged, so Hobart firefighters offered to find a way to clean it.

The Post-Tribune reported two cleaners declined to treat it, saying cleaning chemicals could damage it further. The firefighters instead gently cleaned the flag with detergent and restored its shadowbox, returning them Thursday to Paul's family.

Police: Man shot bear on 2nd floor of motel

TN GATLINBURG — Police in Tennessee charged a man they say shot a black bear on the second floor of a motel.

News outlets reported that Gatlinburg Police said Gregory Sapp, 53, was charged with illegal discharge of a weapon and reckless endangerment.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency spokesman Matthew Cameron told the Knoxville News Sentinel that Sapp encountered the bear on a motel breezeway Thursday night. Cameron said Sapp told authorities he shot the bear six times after it made an "aggressive move" toward him.

The agency said that if those statements are true, it likely won't pursue more charges.

The bear fled and hasn't been found.

WWII vet receives honorary diploma

VA MECHANICSVILLE — A 93-year-old veteran from Virginia finally got a diploma, more than 75 years after World War II interrupted his education.

James Yarbrough received an honorary high school diploma Monday during a Veterans Day ceremony at Washington-Henry Elementary School in Mechanicsville.

Yarbrough entered into military service with the U.S. Army in 1943 during his senior year at the former Washington-Henry High School.

Puppy stolen from orphanage found safe

NJ VOORHEES — A 12-week-old puppy stolen from an animal orphanage in New Jersey was found safe.

The Voorhees Animal Orphanage said Phoenix was found in a nearby PetSmart's bathroom Sunday. Posting on its Facebook page, the orphanage said Phoenix is safe and healthy.

The shelter said the puppy was shot Saturday, a day after it had been spayed. The orphan-



DELICIA LOPEZ, THE (McALLEN, TEXAS) MONITOR/AP

G-League sparkle

Elementary school students prepare to entertain the crowd during the first quarter of Saturday's NBA G-League basketball game between the Rio Grande Valley Vipers and Austin Spurs in Edinburg, Texas.

age said it is grateful Phoenix's abductor took her to a warm, safe place where she would be found.

Man uses battle ax to fight off intruder

MI OSHTIMO TOWNSHIP — A Michigan man whose hobbies include ritualized combat with replica weapons from the Middle Ages said he wielded a battle ax he calls "my baby" to fend off an intruder.

Ben Ball, 36, told WOOD-TV he was playing video games at his apartment in Oshtemo Township late Nov. 6 when someone who once dated his ex-roommate kicked in his door. He believed the attacker might be armed.

Ball told the station he grabbed the ax and struck the intruder in the torso. After the two grappled, the attacker fled.

Police deployed a K-9 unit to track a trail of blood leading to Alex Lavell Rawls, 33.

Kalamazoo County officials said Rawls spent the night at a hospital before going to jail. He faces home invasion charges.

Police: Pulitzer medal stolen from newspaper

OH AKRON — Authorities are searching for a Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal that was reportedly stolen from an Ohio newspaper's former office.

THE CENSUS

\$400K

The amount of money a 90-year-old North Dakota woman lost in a Jamaican lottery scam. Edna Schmeets, of Harvey, N.D., said she has been paid back only \$287 after she was robbed of her life savings.

ings. She was the victim whose case launched what became the first large-scale Jamaican lottery scam prosecution in the U.S. All 31 defendants have been prosecuted, including 14 Jamaican nationals who were extradited from that country. "I'm so disappointed," Schmeets told the Bismarck Tribune of the amount she's gotten back. Most restitution ordered in federal court cases is never collected, according to a federal government report last year.

The theft was discovered Thursday morning after the Akron Beacon Journal's staff moved from the paper's former building. The Beacon Journal reported the thief took the medal from a protective display case where it was stored in the former newsroom lobby. The medal was scheduled to be moved to the next office.

The medal was awarded for the paper's 1994 "A Question of Color" series.

Police seek suspects in 2 tip jar thefts

NY NEW YORK — Police are looking for two men they say have been stealing tip jars from businesses and hitting people who tried to stop them.

The New York Police Department said the most recent incident was at a cafe in Queens on

Friday. Authorities said the men went into the business, took a tip jar with \$100 and hit a female employee who had followed them out to try to get the jar back. She had minor injuries.

In an Oct. 28 incident, police said the men went into a cafe and took a tip jar with \$40. A man who followed them out was hit in the face.

Hunters free entangled eight-point bucks

MI BOWNE TOWNSHIP — Quick-thinking hunters in central Michigan rescued two deer who literally became locked in battle.

WOOD-TV reported that insurance agent Mark Johnson spotted the rutting bucks in a field with their antlers entangled. He figured the eight-point bucks would die from exhaustion or starvation

if they stayed stuck.

Video of the Nov. 6 rescue on WOOD-TV's website shows Johnson's friend, Brad Lyons, eventually deploying a specialized branch saw to cut part of an antler. That enabled the bucks to pull away and run off.

The rescue came a week before firearms deer season. In other circumstances the bucks would have been prized trophies.

Great white sharks follow snowbirds' path

FL KEY WEST — Like snowbirds, there's another group that's moving to Florida for the winter: sharks.

Shark experts say the coast of Florida is starting to heat up with white shark activity. OC-SEARCH, a research group, said the annual migration to warmer waters off the Florida and Carolinas coasts is underway.

The Palm Beach Post reported that eight white sharks tagged by the Utah-based research group were spotted from New Jersey to Florida early this month. Three other sharks that had been tagged were detected Nov. 6 in waters on North Carolina beaches, and two more sharks — Helena and the 2,076-pound Unamaki — made their presence known with toothy grins just west of Key West in September.

From wire reports

FACES

Ricky Gervais returning as host of Golden Globes

Look out, Hollywood. Ricky Gervais is returning to host the Golden Globe Awards.

Gervais memorably hosted the awards from 2010 to 2012, skewering many of the attendees with irreverent jokes. He also lampooned the organization that hosts the Globes, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

It will be the fifth time Gervais emcees the ceremony; he also hosted in 2016. He said in a news release that organizers made him an offer he couldn't refuse.

The 77th annual Golden Globe Awards, which honor achievements in film and television, will be held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Jan. 5 and aired live on NBC.

The HFPA previously announced it will bestow its Cecil B. DeMille Award on Tom Hanks, and give Ellen DeGeneres its Carol Burnett Award during the show.



AP

Despite his sometimes bumpy past as Golden Globes host, Ricky Gervais will be back for the first time since 2016.

Disney Plus suffers difficulties at launch

Thousands of Disney fans eager to watch their favorite movies were greeted with error messages Tuesday, hours after the debut of the Disney Plus streaming service had crashed its servers, the company said.

Users flocked to social media to update their followers on the anticipated event. Many could not begin the new Star Wars show "The Mandalorian." Instead, they were greeted with a frowning character from the movie "Wreck-It-Ralph" paired with a network error message, or Mickey Mouse stranded in space.

Thousands of complaints were flagged Tuesday morning, according to Downdetector, a website that collects complaints about websites and apps.

The problems undercut a huge day for Disney, which has touted the service as a major part of its portfolio. "The Mandalorian" is the flagship launch show for about 500 films and 7,500 episodes of programming from Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, National Geographic and others.

Other news

■ The Paris prosecutor's office said British singer Pete Doherty, 40, was handed a three-month suspended sentence and a fine of 10,000 euros (\$11,000) after being arrested in Paris twice in one week.

From wire reports



From left: Entertainer of the year nominees Eric Church, Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood, Garth Brooks and Chris Stapleton.

AP photos

Underwood has a chance to become the first woman to win entertainer of the year since Taylor Swift in 2011.

Will women win big at CMAs?

Associated Press writers make their picks in major categories

By KRISTIN M. HALL
AND MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

The lack of women on country radio is as tired as a bad country song cliché, but the Country Music Association Awards is trying to set the stage for them to reign as the hosts (Carrie Underwood, Dolly Parton and Reba McEntire), as performers and perhaps the night's biggest winners. All eyes are on the top prize, entertainer of the year, which hasn't been won by a woman since Taylor Swift in 2011. Carrie Underwood is vying for entertainer of the year, while Maren Morris is the leading nominee. Performers include Parton, McEntire, Eric Church, Luke Combs, Keith Urban, Garth Brooks and Blake Shelton. The awards will be presented Wednesday at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

Garth Brooks
Eric Church
Carrie Underwood
Keith Urban

Mesfin Fekadu: This category is stacked with so many heavy hitters that it makes it difficult to predict who will win the big honor. But my money's on Carrie Underwood, who had an epic year and clearly deserves to be named entertainer of the year.

Kristin Hall: Seeing Carrie Underwood in concert this year, I was "Blown Away" by this "All-American Girl." In my mind, she's always "The Champion," and if she doesn't win this, "Something Bad" is about to happen in Nashville.

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

"Center Point Road," Thomas Rhett
"Cry Pretty," Carrie Underwood
"Dan + Shay," Dan + Shay
"Desperate Man," Eric Church
"GIRL," Maren Morris

Hall: Carrie Underwood is the only one in this category that has consistently charted her albums at the top of the all-genre Billboard 200 chart and I feel she's often underrated for her song choices. But I think voters are going to go for a perennial winner in this category, Eric Church. "Desperate Man" feels like a salve in a tumultuous and divided world.



Maren Morris leads the field with six nominations, including female vocalist of the year.

AP

Fekadu: I love that Carrie Underwood co-wrote and co-produced each song on "Cry Pretty," the first time she's done that on one of her albums. But I was surprised that the project didn't earn any Grammy nominations earlier this year, marking the first time one of her albums didn't get any Grammy love. I think Thomas Rhett and Maren Morris' albums are too new to win here, which leaves me with Eric Church and Dan + Shay. And the hottest duo in country music should get the tequila shots ready because their third album is winning the prize.

SINGLE OF THE YEAR

"Burning Man," Dierks Bentley featuring Brothers Osborne
"GIRL," Maren Morris
"God's Country," Blake Shelton
"Millionaire," Chris Stapleton
"Speechless," Dan + Shay

Fekadu: "God's Country" was one of the few country songs to reach the Top 20 on the pop charts and reminded folks that Blake Shelton isn't just the funnyman on "The Voice," he can still produce big hits. His rock-influenced anthem will win here.

Hall: Lil Nas X was robbed! The fact that "Old Town Road" wasn't nominated in this category, despite being the biggest viral sensation of the year, smacks of exclusion. I'm not saying it deserved to win, though. OK, my rant is over. "Speechless" is gonna win here. Dan + Shay wrote the song about their wives and Thomas Rhett won this award in 2016 singing about his wife in "Die a Happy Man," so maybe there's a "my wife is the greatest" trend going. Who doesn't love a love story?

FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Kelsea Ballerini
Miranda Lambert
Maren Morris
Kacey Musgraves
Carrie Underwood

Hall: Why do I have to choose? These same five women have been nominated in this category these last few years, but apparently voters can only read the names "Miranda" or "Carrie" on their ballots. Both Kacey Musgraves and Maren Morris deserve a win because they are putting out fascinating and compelling music that is reaching much larger audiences and winning Grammys. I think Morris will come out the winner as she's the leading nominee, so she's got a lot of fans rooting her on this year.

Fekadu: Yes, Kristin, you make some excellent points. However, I'm going to stick with voters only reading the names "Miranda" and "Carrie," with the latter taking home this prize for the millionth time.

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR

Dierks Bentley
Luke Combs
Thomas Rhett
Chris Stapleton
Keith Urban

Fekadu: I feel the culture at these country awards shows is: You need to put in years and years and years of work before they will award you in major categories. If you look at the last year, there's no way anyone but Luke Combs should take home this prize. In reality, Combs should even be an entertainer of the year nominee with all the success he's had thanks to his streaming juggernaut of a debut album. But as I reflect on how these award shows work, I don't think Combs will get this win this year. Chris Stapleton has won this honor the last four years and he'll likely win again.

Hall: Mesfin, you're looking at this all wrong. Luke Combs is Chris Stapleton 2.0! Yes, you're right that there's a reluctance to give major awards to new artists, but Stapleton broke out from being a well-known songwriter to an arena-selling artist by sweeping the CMAs on this very same stage in 2015. Combs is undeniably worthy of this award and he'll be taking this one home.

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OPINION

Other Republicans might use Haley template

By PAUL WALDMAN

The Washington Post

Tikki Haley, former United Nations ambassador and South Carolina governor, is one of the shrewdest operators in the Republican Party. She's so shrewd, in fact, that she managed to serve President Donald Trump and then leave the administration while neither destroying her own reputation nor incurring Trump's vindictive wrath, a feat few have accomplished.

So when Haley publishes a memoir that seems a lot like a first step toward a 2024 presidential run, it can give us a good deal of insight into how Republicans are going to navigate the post-Trump world.

The book was released Tuesday, and it seems that Haley's treatment of Trump is calibrated down to the micrometer. She finds a couple of carefully selected episodes to explain her disagreement with the president, demonstrating that she's not some fawning lickspittle of the kind Trump so loves to surround himself with.

But each one is given a grudgingness and understanding, with Trump described as being merely temporarily thoughtless or driven by admirable motivations.

So Haley didn't like it when Trump told four members of Congress who just happen to be women of color to "go back" where they came from. But she insists that "I can also appreciate where he's coming from," so angered was he by their criticisms.

And Haley writes about Trump's effort to coerce Ukraine into digging up dirt on Joe Biden: "So, do I think it's not good practice to talk to foreign governments about investigating Americans? Yes. Do I think the president did anything that warrants impeachment? No, because the aid flowed. And, in turn, the Ukrainians didn't follow up with the investigation."

Trump may have gotten a little overenthusiastic, but no harm, no foul.

The result is something for everyone.

To Republicans, she can say she remained loyal to Trump. To everyone else, she can say she was an independent voice unfraid to make her disagreements known.

Then there's the story getting the most attention: the secretary of state, Rex Tillerson and Chief of Staff John Kelly tried to recruit her to help them put the brakes on Trump's more ludicrous ideas.

"Kelly and Tillerson confided in me that when they resisted the president, they weren't being insubordinate, they were trying to save the country," Haley wrote.

"It was their decisions, not the president's, that were in the best interests of America, they said. The president didn't know what he was doing," Haley wrote of the views the two men held.

Haley isn't specific about what they asked her to do, but her outrage is clear. Yet what's odd about this is that we know people around the president are constantly working to undermine, circumvent and stall his most appalling orders. In fact, that often becomes an argument Republicans use in defense of Trump. Sure, he ordered the firing of the special prosecutor, it wasn't obstruction of justice because aid didn't carry out the order. Sure, he wanted to buy Greenland, but nobody told it seriously. Sure, he told Jim Mattis to assassinate Bashar Assad, but of course Mattis didn't do it—that would have been idiotic.

Haley knows all this, but she still pretends to be shocked that Tillerson and Kelly would so disrespect the chain of command as to not jump up and immediately implement whatever angry impulse Trump had on a given day. In so doing, she puts herself right at the sweet spot for a Republican politician with national ambitions: She shows how loyal she was to Trump, even while making room for the occasional respectful disagreement.

We don't know for sure how Trump's time in the White House is going to end, but let's imagine that he survives impeachment and then loses in 2020. Four years later, some-

one like Haley will have a difficult balancing act if she wants to become the party's nominee in 2024. On one hand, Trump will likely retain the affection of many Republican voters, and for all we know he'll still be the secretary of state. On the other, encouraging them to stay as hateful and angry as possible. Appealing to those voters will be critical to winning the nomination.

On the other hand, if Trump is rejected and humiliated, it will be difficult to win the general election if you're perceived as too close to him. That will require a 180-degree pivot, spending the primaries talking about how proud you were to serve at Trump's side, then spending the general talking about how deeply you disagreed with him and how you want to put that whole era behind us.

It's a tightrope, having voluntarily gone to work for the most dishonest and corrupt president in American history would get you forever banished from public life. Unfortunately, that's not the world we live in; since nearly every Republican is implicated in the horror of the Trump presidency to one degree or another, they will all have an interest in convincing the public that it wasn't so bad and you could serve him while retaining your integrity.

Haley managed not to wind up debased and disgraced for two reasons. First, the job of U.N. ambassador combines high status with a relatively low profile. In the national media, most of the time nobody (almost certainly including Trump himself) had much of an idea what she was doing. Second and more important, she was smart enough to keep herself apart from most of Trump's insanity while avoiding his ire.

The president himself is pleased with Haley's book. He has already tweeted out his approval, telling people to buy it. Which should tell you just about all you need to know.

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Don't end DACA without a legislative solution

By MIKE COFFMAN,
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CQ Roll Call

While impeachment inquiries rage on and the 2020 race heights, we need not forget the policy battles we've been fighting for years that affect Americans, regardless of immigration status, each and every day.

Since 2012, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program has shielded young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children from deportation along with the legal work or study in the U.S. after completing an application, paying a fee and undergoing a thorough background check. They also have to renew and repeat this process every two years.

This program has provided many benefits to our communities and economy. It has also allowed these young Dreamers, who came to the U.S. at the average age of 6 and who hardly know their birth countries, to come out of the shadows and contribute to U.S. society without fear of deportation.

However, due to congressional failure to pass permanent legislation protecting them, Dreamers' lives continue to hang in the balance. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court was hearing oral arguments regarding the legality of the Trump administration's decision to rescind the program. By next spring, the highest court in the land could issue a decision dismantling the temporary protections that court injunctions

have provided Dreamers, making the nearly 1 million young people the program has benefitted over the past seven years subject to deportation.

That kind of outcome would have a disastrous impact across the nation. According to the American Action Forum, Dreamers contribute \$42 billion annually to the economy. They also pay more than \$3 billion in annual federal, state and local taxes. Each year, they contribute \$2 billion to social security and \$470 million into Medicare.

Six percent of Dreamers are business owners and nearly 15% are homeowners. They are raising U.S. citizen children and employing native-born Americans.

The list of contributions goes on, and each year they are unrecognized, with 10 in 10 Americans saying they support letting DACA recipients stay in the U.S.

These Dreamers worship with us at church on Sunday. They're educating our children and learning alongside us. They're nurses, first responders, lawyers, entrepreneurs, teachers, parents, family, friends and loved ones.

They are ingrained and integral to the fabric of American society and the economy.

Despite the positive benefits they bring, if the administration continues its way, DACA and its protections will be null.

All Americans, including citizens and noncitizens alike, would benefit from a permanent legislative solution for Dreamers. There is no compelling reason to end this program today, and in fact ending it without a legislative solution is the wrong approach. It penalizes these young people

who are doing what they can to contribute to this country.

Moreover, we should all be honest about the challenges of passing any immigration legislation, especially if the Supreme Court allows the Trump administration to end DACA only a few months before the 2020 election. Congress' failure to find a comprehensive solution over the past two decades is disappointing, and there is plenty of blame to go around. Terminating DACA now is not only the wrong thing to do, but will likely come with severe political consequences for elected officials and continue to send the wrong signals about conservatives and the Republican Party.

Rather than face a political backlash and thrust hundreds of thousands of lives into chaos, we hope the Supreme Court will ensure that DACA remains until a permanent legislative solution is signed into law.

We also hope that a legislative solution is found soon—Dreamers, and those who rely on them, have lived in uncertainty and fear for far too long.

We know we can do better, and we urge our former colleagues to act.

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Burger King launches veggie Whopper in Europe

Meatless fast-food options elude overseas troops

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Pound sterling (Nov. 13)	80.854
British pound (Nov. 13)	1.32
Dollar (Nov. 13)	107.69
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Japanese yen (Nov. 13)	100.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.28
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China (Yuan)	7.0074
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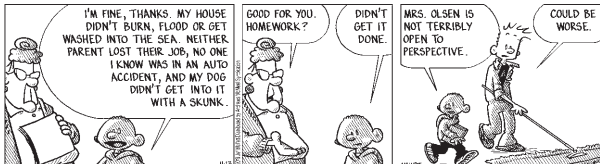
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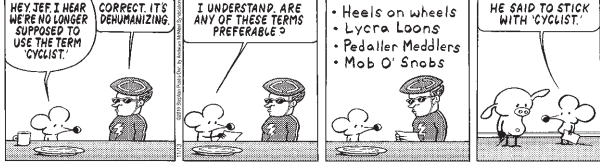
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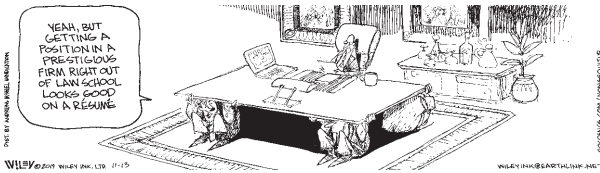
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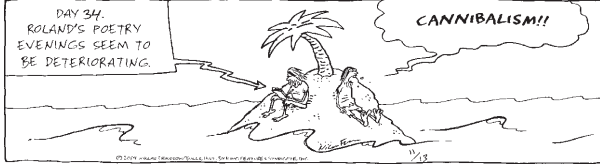
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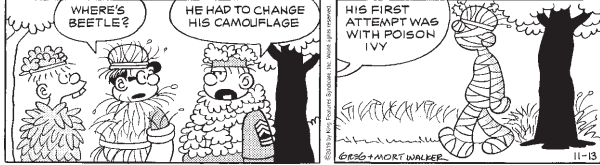
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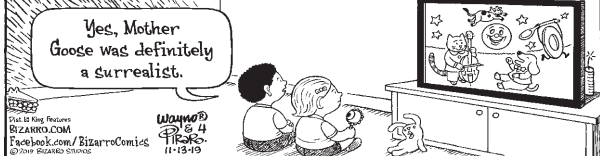
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 8 Woodland grazer
- 12 Tire filler
- 13 Director
- 14 Hot dog holder
- 15 Singer Carly
- 16 Ghostlike figures
- 18 Ancient Mexican
- 20 Witnessed
- 21 Mythical birds
- 24 Detox center
- 28 Rulers of ancient Egypt
- 32 Move, in realtor lingo
- 33 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 34 Refrain starters
- 36 Actor Harrison
- 37 "Yes —"
- 39 Drug store
- 41 Peony part
- 43 LAPD ranks
- 44 Mauna —
- 46 Domed house
- 50 Troop groups
- 55 Branch
- 56 First-rate
- 57 Libretto
- 58 Paint container
- 59 Theater award
- 60 Bygone jets
- 61 Yale grad

DOWN

- 1 Brazilian rubber
- 2 Actress Cameron
- 3 Worry
- 4 Outwear
- 5 Ordinal suffix
- 6 JFK info
- 7 Male offspring
- 8 Chest of component
- 9 Dawn goddess
- 10 Stately tree
- 11 "Treasure Island" monogram
- 17 Roofing goo
- 19 Blunder
- 22 Business abbr.
- 23 Persian bigwigs
- 25 Olympian queen
- 26 Mr. Guinness
- 27 Squarish
- 28 Fall into a soft chair
- 29 Employ
- 30 Pop's sister
- 31 Dross
- 35 The Dutch Masters, e.g.
- 38 Annie with a gun
- 40 Flavor enhancer, for short
- 42 Meadow
- 45 Pismires
- 47 Valentine border
- 48 Spoken
- 49 High-end hotel chain
- 50 Bit of butter
- 51 "Yoo —!"
- 52 Raggedy doll
- 53 Ballot markings
- 54 Tel. number add-on

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SOCCER

Hip injury to sideline Pulisic

American star to miss US Nations League games vs. Canada, Cuba

Associated Press

DAVENPORT, Fla. — Christian Pulisic will miss the United States' CONCACAF Nations League games against Canada and Cuba after leaving Chelsea's match against Crystal Palace with a hip injury.

The 21-year-old attacker from Hershey, Pa., appeared to get hurt when he scored his fifth goal in three Premier League matches, colliding with goalkeeper Vicente Guaita during a header in the 79th minute Saturday. Pulisic became just the fourth American to score in three straight EPL games, after Roy Wegerle, Joe Max-Moore and Clint Dempsey.

"This was a collaborative decision with the club, looking after the best interests of the player," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said at training Monday. "It was a risk that we just weren't willing to take at this time."

Toronto midfielder Michael Bradley was to have been on the roster but was dropped after he hurt his right ankle during Sunday's Major League Soccer title game.

"You see him laying everything on the line to win the game, and things like that happen," Berhalter said. "It's unfortunate."

Seattle midfielder Christian Roldan and forward Jordan Morris were added to the 23-man roster after the Sounders' 3-1 win over Toronto.

Minnesota defender Chase Gaspard was dropped along with Salt Lake forward Corey Baird.

The U.S. plays Canada on Friday in Orlando and meets Cuba four days later at George Town, Cayman Islands. To advance to the Nations League semifinals, the Americans (1-1) must win both games and make

up a goal difference of four against Canada (3-0).

Outside back Sergino Dest could make his senior national team competitive debut after deciding to stay with the U.S. program rather than switch to the Netherlands.

Goalkeeper Zack Steffen is missing the games due to left knee tendinitis, even though he has been playing for Fortuna Düsseldorf.

"He hasn't been training and he has been playing games. They're doing everything they can to keep him together to be able to perform on the weekend," Berhalter said. "We said the rest is probably better. This is long-term play. The health of Zack, him playing this entire season, getting that under his belt, is very important at this stage."

The updated roster:

Goalkeepers: Brad Guzan (Atlanta United), Sean Johnson (New York City), Matt Turner (New England).

Defenders: John Brooks (Wolfsburg, Germany), Reggie Cannon (Dallas), Sergino Dest (Ajax, Netherlands), Nick Lima (San Jose), Aaron Long (New York Red Bulls), Daniel Lovitz (Montreal), Tim Ream (Fulham, England), DeAndre Yedlin (Newcastle, England), Walker Zimmerman (LA).

Midfielders: Sebastian Lletget (LA Galaxy), Weston McKennie (Schalke, Germany), Alfredo Morales (Fortuna Düsseldorf, Germany), Cristian Roldan (Seattle), Wil Trapp (Columbus), Jackson Yueill (San Jose).

Forwards: Paul Arriola (D.C.), Tyler Boyd (Besiktas, Turkey), Jordan Morris (Seattle), Josh Sargent (Werder Bremen, Germany), Gyasi Zardes (Columbus).

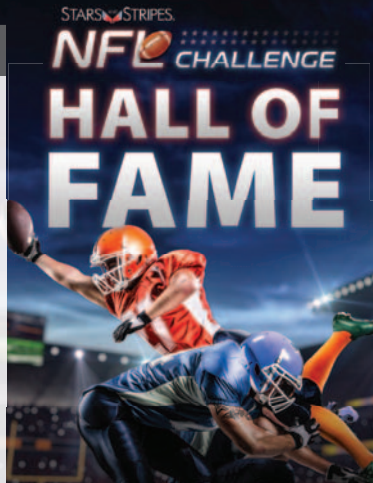


IAN WALTON/AP

Chelsea's Christian Pulisic, right, duels for the ball with Ajax's Noussair Mazraoui during a Champions League match on Nov. 5. Pulisic was injured in a game on Saturday and will miss the upcoming US Nations League games against Canada and Cuba.

Top Scores for Week 10

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45	Songtanpack	Pacific
42	JFKF4853	Middle East
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Top 10 Overall Scores

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Above: New York Mets first baseman Pete Alonso reacts after hitting a home run during the third inning of a game against the Atlanta Braves on Sept. 28. Alonso was selected NL Rookie of the Year. Below: Houston Astros designated hitter Yordan Alvarez watches his two-run home run during the second inning of Game 5 of the World Series against the Washington Nationals on Oct. 27. Alvarez was a unanimous selection for AL Rookie of the Year.



Alonso, Alvarez named top rookies by writers

By JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Young sluggers known for their prodigious power, Pete Alonso and Yordan Alvarez knocked the Rookie of the Year voting out of the park.

In a rarity for the major league home run leader, Alonso didn't land the biggest blow.

Alonso, a star first baseman with the New York Mets, got 29 of 30 first-place votes for NL Rookie of the Year. Braves right-hander Mike Soroka got the other first-place vote and finished second in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America revealed Monday night.

"To just win the award, doesn't

matter if it's unanimous or not," Alonso said. "It's still such a blessing."

Alvarez, a hulking designated hitter from the Houston Astros, earned all 30 first-place votes to become the 24th unanimous selection since the award was introduced in 1949.

The 24-year-old Alonso led the majors with 53 homers, one better than Yankees slugger Aaron Judge's rookie record from 2017. "Polar Bear" Pete became the face of baseball in Flushing, beloved for his power, personality and philanthropy. He's the sixth Met to win the award and first since teammate Jacob deGrom in 2014.

Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. was third in NL balloting. The only voter to place Soroka ahead of Alonso was Andrew Baggarly of The Athletic. Alonso was the only NL player named on every ballot.

Alvarez, a 22-year-old from Cuba, played 87 games after debuting in June, fewest by any position player to win AL Rookie of the Year. He hit 27 homers, batted .313, drove in 78 and had a 1.067 OPS for the pennant-winning Astros. He struggled at times in the postseason, but that was after voting had concluded.

"My whole family was telling me I would be the winner of the award," Alvarez said. "And once I was selected as the winner, I was very excited."

He's the third Houston player to win, following teammate Carlos Correa in 2015 and Hall of Famer Jeff Bagwell in 1991.

Alvarez easily beat out the other AL finalists, with Orioles left-hander John Means second and Rays infielder Brandon Lowe third.

Alonso said he was challenged by first-year general manager Brodie Van Wagenen to "show up in shape and earn your spot."

"I felt like I answered the bell," Alonso said.

The former Florida Gator be-

AL Rookie of the Year

First-, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis.

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Alvarez, Astros	30	—	—	150
Means, Orioles	—	16	5	53
Lowe, Rays	—	6	9	27
Jimenez, White Sox	—	4	8	20
Biggio, Blue Jays	—	2	1	7
Arraz, Twins	—	1	2	5
Guerrero, Blue Jays	—	1	1	4
Mercado, Indians	—	—	1	1

NL Rookie of the Year

First-, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 5-3-1 basis.

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Alonso, Mets	29	1	—	148
Soroka, Braves	—	25	2	82
Fatis, Padres	—	2	20	26
Reynolds, Pirates	—	1	6	9
Hudson, Cardinals	—	1	1	4
Robles, Nationals	—	—	1	1

came an instant star in the Mets' blue and orange. Wielding his hefty 34-inch, 32-ounce birch bat, Alonso hit .292 with nine homers, 26 RBIs and a 1.024 OPS over March and April, claiming the first of three NL Rookie of the Month honors. He put on a power-packed show while winning the All-Star Home Run Derby, and then cemented his fan-favorite status by donating \$100,000 of his \$1 million derby prize to charities supporting injured soldiers and 9/11 workers.

With a left-handed swing reminiscent of long-legged Hall of Famer Willie McCovey — another unanimous Rookie of the Year pick — Alvarez immediately entrenched himself in the middle of Houston's batting order. He hit seven homers in his first 12 games, and his OPS ranked fifth in the majors after he debuted June 9.

Alvarez's OPS was the highest ever by a rookie, surpassing Shoeless Joe Jackson's 1.058 mark in 1911.

Alvarez is the fourth Cuban-born Rookie of the Year, joining Jose Canseco (1986), Jose Fernandez (2013) and Jose Abreu (2014).

AP baseball writer Ronald Blum contributed to this report.

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Washington	2	6	.250	3 1/2
Central Division				
Milwaukee	7	0	1.000	—
Indiana	6	4	.600	1
Cleveland	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Detroit	4	4	.500	2
Chicago	3	7	.300	4

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	7	1	.700	0
Dallas	6	4	.600	1
San Antonio	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Memphis	3	7	.300	4
New Orleans	2	6	.250	5
Northwest Division				
Denver	7	2	.778	—
Utah	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Minnesota	4	6	.400	1 1/2
Portland	4	4	.500	2
Oklahoma City	4	6	.400	3 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	7	2	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	7	3	.700	1 1/2
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Sacramento	6	3	.667	—
Golden State	5	4	.556	1 1/2

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Roundup

Walker gets hot late, helps Celtics hold off Mavericks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Kemba Walker took on some extra responsibility at the offensive end in Boston's first game since Gordon Hayward broke his left hand.

Walker made a trio of key three-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with 29 points, Jaylen Brown added 25 points and 11 rebounds, and the Celtics beat the Dallas Mavericks 116-106 Monday night.

"I was just trying to be aggressive, trying to make the right plays," Walker said. "My shot felt good the whole night. I was just missing them. Then, in the fourth quarter, just naturally, the competitive nature just comes out and I try to do what I can do to put the ball in the basket."

Marcus Smart scored 17 points, Daniel Theis chipped in with 11 and Brad Wanamaker had 10 for Boston, which won its eighth straight game since a season-opening loss at Philadelphia.

Jayson Tatum shot 1-for-18 from the field and scored only five points for the Celtics.

Luka Doncic led the Mavericks (6-4) with 34 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Maxi Kleber had 15 points with eight boards.

Kristaps Porzingis scored just four points on 1-for-11 shooting for Dallas.

"Porzingis had a tough night. We're just going to flush it and move on," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said with a laugh. "You know, there's nights like this. You've just got to flush it and move forward."

Porzingis took a lot of blame for the loss.

"I had an off night tonight, and guys stepped up," he said. "Guys fought until the end, and we were right there. If I had a better game, the result could have been much different."

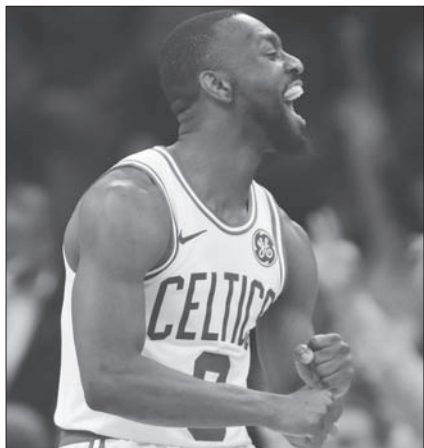
The Celtics released a statement during the opening quarter that said Hayward had surgery Monday to repair a fracture in his non-shooting hand.

Boston trailed by two before going on an 11-2 spurt over a 1:32 stretch to move ahead 101-94 with 4:11 to play in Walker's three-point shot. The firing, Smart then converted a three-point shot.

Walker nailed his three big shots from beyond the arc in a span of 1:09.

Clippers 98, Raptors 88: Lou Williams scored 21 points, Kawhi Leonard just missed a triple-double in his first game since his former team and host Los Angeles beat defending NBA champion Toronto.

Leonard finished with 12 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists to go with nine turnovers. Last season, he led the Raptors to their first championship, averaging 30.5 points and 9.1 rebounds



Charles Krupa/AP
Celtics guard Kemba Walker reacts after hitting a three-point late in the second half against the Mavericks in Boston on Monday.

in 24 postseason games to earn his second Finals MVP honor.

Pascal Siakam had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the injury-depleted Raptors, who had their three-game winning streak snapped in the second game of a back-to-back.

Jazz 122, Warriors 108: Rudy Gobert had 25 points and 14 rebounds as visiting Utah topped Golden State.

Donovan Mitchell added 23 points and Mike Conley scored 22 for the Jazz, who improved to 7-3.

The injury-ravaged Warriors fell to an NBA-worst 2-9 and their frustrations boiled over the fourth quarter. Draymond Green, back after missing five games with a torn finger ligament, earned back-to-back technicals and an ejection for arguing a blocking call with 8:28 left.

Less than a minute later, coach Steve Kerr was given a technical after arguing a call.

D'Angelo Russell scored 33 points for Golden State, his fourth consecutive game of 30 or more.

Rockets 122, Pelicans 116: James Harden scored 39 points, including 13 straight in the fourth quarter, and visiting Houston beat short-handed New Orleans.

Russell Westbrook had 26 points and Clint Capela added 11 points and 20 rebounds to help the Rockets to their fourth straight win.

Jrue Holiday added 24 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Pelicans, who played without leading scorer Brandon Ingram

due to a sore right knee.

Grizzlies 113, Spurs 109: Jaren Jackson Jr. had 22 points and Memphis put a damper on Tony Parker's jersey retirement by beating host San Antonio.

Parker's uniform No. 9 was lifted to the rafters alongside fellow Big Three members Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili following the game. They led San Antonio to four of its five championships and have the most wins (541) of any trio in NBA history.

Jackson was involved in two pivotal plays with the Grizzlies up 111-109 in the final minute. His three-pointer with 25.5 seconds left was overturned when replays determined he was out of bounds. Jackson then blocked DeMar DeRozan's ensuing drive to maintain Memphis' two-point advantage.

Memphis won a coach's challenge that overturned a foul that would have put DeRozan on the line with the Spurs trailing 113-109.

Timberwolves 120, Pistons 114: Andrew Wiggins scored 33 points and visiting Minnesota spoiled Blake Griffin's return from injury, beating Detroit.

Griffin played for the first time this season, coming back from hamstring and knee issues, and scored 19 points.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 25 for the Timberwolves, who led by 19 in the third quarter and snapped an eight-game losing streak to the Pistons.

NHL/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NHL roundup

Oshie's OT goal wiped out, Caps lose in SO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as T.J. Oshie skated to the bench and figured his overtime goal would be waved off, opposing goaltender Antti Raanta waited for official word. He'd been burned too many times before.

A couple of Raanta's Arizona Coyotes teammates left the bench and turned toward their locker room before others screamed the play might've been offside. They returned, as the Capitals remained on the ice and waited until video review wiped out a goal by Oshie that would've extended Washington's winning streak to seven.

Instead, the Coyotes picked themselves up and beat the NHL-leading Capitals 4-3 in a shootout Monday night.

"You're thinking as a coach, 'We got a point, but we blew a three-goal lead,'" Arizona's Rick Tocchet said. "You come back from the dead."

After blowing a 3-0 lead to keep the game slip into overtime, where it looked like Oshie beat them, the Coyotes got shootout goals from Nick Schmaltz and Conor Garland and two more big shots from Raanta to snap their three-game skid. Raanta made 31 saves in regulation and overtime, and was able to keep the puck out against Oshie and Evgeny Kuznetsov in the shootout to cap a stellar night.

Raanta "tried to kind of stay in the moment and just hope that it would be offside" when Oshie's goal 2:16 into overtime was being reviewed. Coyotes players refused after referee Frederick L'Ecuver announced no goal and didn't let the roller coaster of emotions derail them.

"It's tough when you kind of feel so dejected and then, oh, you've got three more minutes to play," defenseman Jason Demers said. "I think guys did a great job of staying locked in."

Washington, which lost for just the second time in 12 games, was on the wrong side of two video reviews. A puck off the skate of Arizona's Christian Fischer 10 seconds into the second period was found to be completely over the goal line while inside Ilya Samsonov's glove, and then Oshie was clearly offside in OT.

Hurricanes 8, Senators 2: Sebastian Aho scored twice, Joel Edmundson had a goal and two assists, and Ilya Samsonov had a goal and two assists to snap a four-game losing streak.

Warren Foegele, Ryan Dzingel and Martin Necas each had a goal and an assist to help the Hurricanes win for only the second time this month (2-4-0) after snapping a franchise record with eight wins in October.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	SV%	PP%	PK%
Boston	19	11	5	3	25	60	43		
Toronto	19	9	6	4	22	64	62		
Montreal	19	8	5	3	21	61	54		
Florida	17	8	4	5	21	62	63		
Buffalo	18	8	6	2	20	50	48		
Tampa Bay	15	8	5	2	18	52	59		
Ottawa	17	6	10	1	13	47	59		
Detroit	19	6	12	1	13	42	72		

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	SV%	PP%	PK%
Washington	19	13	2	4	30	77	59		
N.Y. Islanders	18	12	1	1	25	49	35		
Philadelphia	17	10	5	2	22	56	52		
Pittsburgh	17	10	5	1	21	58	44		
Carolina	18	10	7	1	21	61	52		
N.Y. Rangers	17	8	7	2	16	51	51		
Columbus	17	6	8	3	15	40	58		
New Jersey	16	5	7	4	14	42	61		

Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	SV%	PP%	PK%
St. Louis	19	12	5	1	27	57	57		
Colorado	17	10	5	2	22	62	49		
Nashville	17	9	7	3	21	65	54		
Winnipeg	18	10	7	1	21	51	54		
Dallas	17	8	7	2	19	43	54		
Chicago	17	6	7	4	16	45	53		
Minnesota	19	6	10	1	13	46	60		

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	SV%	PP%	PK%
Edmonton	19	12	5	2	26	58	48		
Calgary	20	10	3	3	23	59	58		
Arizona	18	10	6	2	22	53	48		
San Jose	17	9	6	2	21	58	47		
Vegas	19	9	7	3	21	56	56		
Anaheim	18	9	8	1	19	47	49		
San Jose	18	7	10	1	15	48	48		
Los Angeles	17	5	11	1	11	43	66		

Notes: Two points were given for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's games
Florida 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, SO
Winnipeg 3, Dallas 2, OT
Detroit 3, Vancouver 1
Detroit 3, Vegas 2
Chicago 5, Toronto 4
Philadelphia 3, Boston 2, SO
Edmonton 6, Anaheim 2

Monday's games
Carolina 8, Ottawa 2
Arizona 4, Washington 3, SO
Florida at Boston
Philadelphia at Montreal
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers
Winnipeg at St. Louis
Detroit at Anaheim
Colorado at N.Y. Islanders
Minnesota at Los Angeles
Dallas at San Jose

Wednesday's games
Ottawa at New Jersey
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders
Washington at Philadelphia
Dallas at Calgary
Chicago at Vegas

Thursday's games
Winnipeg at Florida
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay
Carolina at Buffalo
Arizona at Minnesota
Colorado at Edmonton
San Jose at Anaheim
Dallas at Vancouver
Detroit at Los Angeles

Monday

Coyotes 4, Capitals 3 (SO)
Arizona 4, Washington 3 (SO)
Washington 0 1 2 0-4
Arizona won shootout 2-0
First Period—1, Arizona, Kuznetsov 3 (Goli-goski, Hinostroza), 14:15.

Second Period—2, Arizona, Fischer 1 (Richardson), 8:10, 3, Arizona, Grabner 6, 04:5, Washington, Kuznetsov 7 (Vrana, Williams), 8:47.

Third Period—5, Washington, Kuznetsov 8 (Kemp), 2:23, 6, Washington, Oshie 9 (Ovechkin, Carlson), 18:44.

Shootout—Arizona 2 (Schmaltz 6, Garland 6), Washington 0 (Oshie NG, Kuznetsov NG).

Saves on Goal—Arizona 13-13 6-3-35. Washington 12-9-11 2-3-4.

Power-play opportunities—Arizona 0 of Washington 0 of 3.
Goalies—Arizona, Raanta 3-1-2 (34 shots, 31 saves). Washington, Samsonov 5-1-1 (35-32). T—2:42.

Hurricanes 8, Senators 2
Ottawa 0 1 1-2
Carolina 0 1 1-2

First Period—1, Carolina, Foegele 2 (Pesce, Dzingel), 04:4, 2, Carolina, Necas 4 (Gratton, Williams), 12:58.

Second Period—3, Carolina, Aho 7, 4:06 (alt. Carolina, Fleury, 2:15), 8, Hurricanes (Svechnikov), 12:45, 5, Carolina, Hamilton 8 (Svechnikov, Teravainen), 16:25, 6, Hurricanes, White 2 (Bourque, Entin), 18:25.

Third Period—7, Carolina, Aho 8 (Edmundson, Pesce), 1:07, 1, Carolina, Dzingel 6, 4:06 (Chabot, Tierney), 9:54, 9, Hurricanes, Dzingel 4 (Edmundson, Foegele), 13:16, 10, Carolina, Edmundson 1 (Necas, Niederreiter), 17:47.

Saves on Goal—Ottawa 7-8-19-29. Carolina 12-12-19-43.
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 3; Carolina 1 of 3.
Goalies—Ottawa, Nilsson 4-4-1 (39 shots, 36 saves). Carolina 2-0-4-21 (39 shots, 38 saves). T—2:42.
A—12,356 (18,680). T—2:43.

This week in Top 25

Tough road on and off court

Spartans, Tigers travel to play ranked foes amid outside distractions

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

Memphis and Michigan State face tough matchups amid difficult off-court situations to head-line college basketball's second week.

The 13th-ranked Tigers were to face 14th-ranked Oregon in the Ducks' home state Tuesday night amid eligibility concerns for star freshman James Wiseman. On Thursday, the third-ranked Spartans travel to 12th-ranked Seton Hall following an emotional weekend win after the death of preseason AP All-American Cassius Winston's brother.

Memphis (2-0), which climbed one spot in Monday's new Top 25 poll, had no trouble in its opening-week games. But Friday's win against Illinois-Chicago came after the school said second-year coach and former NBA star Penny Hardaway had given more than \$11,000 to Wiseman's family in 2017 before taking the Memphis job.

The school originally said the nation's top-ranked recruit would miss games after receiving an NCAA rule interpretation, though Wiseman's attorney got a court order allowing him to play while the school works to resolve the issue.

Afterward, Hardaway was asked why Wiseman played and whether he'd continue to do so.

"I can't talk about the first part," Hardaway said, "but he will continue to play."

That sets up Wiseman to face the Ducks in Portland and Alcorn State on Saturday before a Monday court hearing.

As for the Spartans (1-1), they regrouped from an opening-night loss to Kentucky that knocked them from No. 1 by beating Birmingham, though that win came



KAREN PULFER/FOH/PA

Memphis' James Wiseman, center, and Precious Achiuwa listen to coach Penny Hardaway during the second half against Illinois-Chicago on Friday. Wiseman continues to play amid eligibility concerns.

after the team learned Winston's brother had died Saturday after being struck by a train.

Winston doubled to play and had a double-double. The Seton Hall trip is the Spartans' only game this week.

"There will be a lot of talking," coach Tom Izzo said as the team moves forward. "There will be a lot of just spending time trying to read people. I told them you can play with a broken heart; there is nothing wrong with admitting that."

A New No. 1

Kentucky's win against Michigan State was enough to lift John Calipatti's Wildcats back to No. 1 in the AP Top 25.

The Wildcats (2-0) were to play Tuesday night against Evansville in their first game as the nation's top-ranked team since December 2016. They could be set for a lengthy stay at the top, too.

Kentucky's next seven games are at Rupp Arena and it doesn't

play another power-conference team until meeting Georgia Tech of the ACC on Dec. 14.

Watch list

VCU, Marquette and Tennessee are among the leading vote-getters of unranked teams, though they have games this week that could help them crack next week's poll.

The Rams (2-0) were ranked 25th in the preseason before falling just outside Monday's poll, but they host No. 23 LSU on Wednesday in a matchup against former VCU coach Will Wade.

Marquette (1-0) and preseason AP All-American Markus Howard face a pair of Big Ten teams, first by hosting Purdue on Wednesday and then visiting Wisconsin on Saturday.

As for Tennessee, the Volunteers (1-0) face No. 20 Washington in Toronto on Saturday.

AP sports writers Gary B. Graves in Lexington, Ky.; and Teresa M. Walter in Nashville, Tenn.; contributed to this report.

Winthrop stuns No. 18 Saint Mary's

Associated Press

MORAGA, Calif. — Saint Mary's star Jordan Ford missed a layup with 1 second left and Winthrop pulled off a 61-59 upset of the No. 18 Gaels in January after losing on a buzzer beat.

Chandler Vaudrin had 19 points, five rebounds and four assists off the bench for Winthrop (2-1). The Eagles of the Big South Conference lost 77-74 at Fresno State on Sunday before traveling to the Bay Area to take on Saint Mary's.

Winthrop had never played in the state of California before the Sunday-Monday back-to-back.

The jubilant Eagles danced through the hallways of McKeon Pavilion celebrating on the way to the locker room after stunning the Gaels.

Ford had converted a layup with 10 seconds left to put Saint Mary's within 61-59. Saint Mary's



D. ROSS CAMERON/AP

Saint Mary's guard Jordan Ford misses a last-second shot over Winthrop's Micheal Anumba.

Elijah Thomas quickly fouled Russell Jones, who missed the front end of a 1-and-1 free-throw

opportunity and the Gaels secured the rebound to give themselves one more chance.

Ford finished with 22 points and six rebounds and Malik Pitts added 18 points and 13 rebounds for Saint Mary's (1-1).

"I think we have pretty good players and we are pretty good defensively," Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett said. "We just have to figure out the right pieces to put together, trust each other and share the ball."

Jamal King made a three-point early in the second half to put Winthrop ahead 31-28, then the Eagles followed with an 8-0 run.

The teams were even on the boards with 31 each and both had 15 turnovers.

Only five players scored points, and the bench was outscored 38-2. The Gaels went just 5-for-17 from deep.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL/NFL

Junkyard Dawgs: Stellar D a team effort for Georgia

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Kirby Smart has coached some stellar defenses.

This might be one of his best.

Never mind the lack of star power.

"They've got some of those same traits as the good defenses I've been able to be around," the Georgia coach said Monday. "But this group probably doesn't have that star, elite player. There's no guy on there that you can say is just going to be a first-round pick. That's not what this is made of. It's made of a group of guys that buy in to doing it the right way and playing team defense."

The No. 5 Bulldogs, whose national title hopes are still alive heading into Saturday's big game at No. 13 Auburn, have posted three shutouts in a season for the first time since 1981. They're leading the Southeastern Conference and among the top five nationally in several major categories, including points allowed (10.1 per game), rushing defense (74.6 yards) and total yards (260.3).

Most impressively, Georgia is the only major-college team that's yet to allow a rushing touchdown this season.

While the Bulldogs do have senior safety J.R. Reed, a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award as the nation's best defensive player, they lack the sort of dominating defenders who were the hallmark of previous teams.

No Roquan Smith. No Leonard Floyd. No Jarvis Jones.

No one who looks like an early first-round NFL Draft pick.

"The number one thing that stands out is their work ethic," Smart said. "I mean they work really hard every day. The meetings, the game planning meetings are a joy to be in, because they're very interactive, meaning they communicate with you. They don't just sit there and listen. They answer questions. They ask questions. They take on the personality of their defensive staff, which is energetic."

This past Saturday, they kept up that enthusiasm right to the very end, even when the outcome of the game was no longer in doubt.

With Georgia leading 27-0, Missouri had second-and-goal at the 1-yard line in the closing minutes. It didn't really matter if the Tigers scored, but the Bulldogs weren't about to make things easy. Monty Rice sliced through the line and threw Dawson Downing for a 3-yard loss, the Bulldogs forced two incomplete passes, and the third shutout of 2019 was complete.

"The players on this defense don't pride ourselves on trying to be superstars," defensive tackle Michael Barnett said. "We don't look at individual statistics that much."

Before arriving to Georgia in 2016, Smart ran some of the greatest defenses in college football history on Nick Saban's staff at Alabama.

He's brought that same old-har-dosed mindset to the Bulldogs.

"We're just guys that go out there and do their

"We're just guys that go out there and do their job. It's not about one single person, it's about guys going out there, doing their job, and guys working hard."

J.R. Reed
Georgia senior safety



PHOTOS BY JOSHUA L. JONES, ATHENS BANNER-HERALD/AP

Georgia inside linebacker Monty Rice, right, stops Missouri running back Dawson Downing at the goal line during the second half on Saturday in Athens, Ga., to preserve the Bulldogs' third shutout of the season.

job," Reed said. "It's not about one single person, it's about guys going out there, doing their job, and guys working hard."

While Smart maintains a hefty influence on the defensive side of the line, Dan Lanning has made his mark right away. Only 33, he was promoted to coordinator this season after serving one year as the outside linebackers coach, assuming the role when Mel Tucker left to become the head coach at Colorado.

Lanning's high-energy approach has been a hit with his players.

So has his attention to the small details.

"He finds little stats, like last year we knew Missouri, they ran the ball on us, they had four touchdowns, 182 yards, 5.2 yards a carry," Reed said. "So those are things that engraved in my head while we're going through practice and so we knew we had to go out there and stop the run. Doing things like that and showing us, basically like going to the doctor, showing us what we need to fix after each game."

Georgia (8-1, 5-1) can clinch its third straight SEC East title and a spot in the league championship game with a victory over Auburn (7-2, 4-2), but the Bulldogs will be going against a defense that is nearly as good on the stat sheet and probably has more elite NFL prospects, especially along the front line.

It all sets up a defensive struggle on the Plains.

"Their defense speaks for itself," Smart said. "They've got a ton of guys that are going to be drafted on it. They've got guys that seem like they have played in our conference for 10 years."



Georgia linebacker Nolan Smith, left, celebrates with Malik Herring, center, and Jordan Davis after sacking Missouri quarterback Taylor Powell Saturday in Athens, Ga.



JOHN MUNSON/AP

Washington Redskins quarterback Dwayne Haskins looks to throw during the first half against the Buffalo Bills on Nov. 3. The Redskins are coming off their bye week and have announced that Haskins, the 15th overall draft pick out of Ohio State, will start for the rest of the season, beginning this week against the Jets.

Redskins name Haskins starter for rest of season

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Dwayne Haskins' time has finally come.

The Washington Redskins on Monday named Haskins their starting quarterback for the rest of the season. The 15th overall draft pick takes over with Washington 1-8 and the New York Jets up next Sunday.

"We've got a lot of confidence in Dwayne," interim coach Bill Callahan said in announcing the much-expected move. "He's worked hard, he's smart, he studies, he prepares, so this will be a great opportunity for him going forward."

Haskins is 27-for-44 for 284 yards with no touchdowns and four interceptions in three appearances — two in relief and a start Nov. 3 at Buffalo. The Jets game will be his second NFL start.

"It helps to have a full week of preparation where you're the starter," second-year receiver Trey Quinn said. "I'm looking forward to seeing him grow because he's a talent. He's definitely a talent, so sky's the limit right now for him. It's just up to him to take the extra time and learn on his own."

Previous coach Jim Gruden and Callahan had been reluctant to hand the reins over to Haskins because he looked much more like a long-term project than a ready-made professional quarterback. Veteran Case Keenum started seven of the first eight games and longtime backup Colt McCoy the

other.

But Haskins showed enough in his audition against the Bills to earn the full-time role. Callahan liked Haskins' consistency and decisiveness in completing 15 of 22 passes with a limited playbook.

There's also the mere fact that this is becoming a lost season for the Redskins, who are likely to have a top-five draft pick and would be wise to see what they have in Haskins.

"He needs the experience," Callahan said. "Let's give Dwayne an opportunity. We're at a juncture where we don't want to be record-wise, so this is a good opportunity for him to take advantage of every (snap) practice-wise and game-wise so we can see growth in his play."

There already has been growth in Haskins from a very raw training camp through this week.

"He's always had an arm, always standing tall in the pocket and is confident in himself and I think the people around him," Quinn said. "Other than that, it's just getting in the pro system and kind of feeling comfortable calling the plays, going through the progressions, making the check at the line and just studying a little extra. Week by week, he's done that."

Keenum is expected to serve as the backup against the 2-7 Jets with McCoy the third QB. Haskins should have another offensive weapon at his disposal with the anticipated return of running back Derrius Guice.

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Scoreboard

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	174	150
Miami	7	0	0	1.000	110	268
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	130	238
Houston	6	3	0	.667	238	191
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	194	193
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	197
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	176	189
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	300	189
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.667	193	181
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	171	221
Cincinnati	0	9	0	.000	137	259
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	284	239
Oakland	4	4	0	.556	208	240
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	.400	207	194
Denver	3	6	0	.333	149	170

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	251	170
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.556	224	213
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289
Washington	1	8	1	.111	108	219
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	204	182
Carolina	5	4	0	.556	225	228
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	260	279
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	181	259
Green Bay	8	0	0	1.000	250	205
Minnesota	7	3	0	.700	262	182
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	162	157
Detroit	3	5	1	.389	217	237
San Francisco	8	0	0	.889	259	129
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	275	254
S.A. Rams	5	5	0	.556	226	191
Arizona	3	6	1	.350	222	281

Thursday, Nov. 7

Sunday's games

Baltimore	at Cincinnati	13
San Francisco	at New Orleans	12
Tennessee	vs. Kansas City	32
N.Y. Jets	vs. N.Y. Giants	2
Cleveland	at Buffalo	16
Tampa Bay	at Arizona	27
San Francisco	at Carolina	12
Pittsburgh	at Carolina	12
Minnesota	at Dallas	24
San Francisco	at Jacksonville	16
Atlanta	at Philadelphia	16
Green Bay	at Philadelphia	16
Washington	at Houston	16

Monday's games

Seattle	at San Francisco	24
Thursday's game		
Dallas	at Seattle	17
N.Y. Jets	at Washington	17
San Francisco	at Tampa Bay	16
Denver	at Minnesota	16
Houston	at Baltimore	16
San Francisco	at Miami	16
Jacksonville	at Indianapolis	16
San Francisco	at Carolina	16
Arizona	at San Francisco	16
San Francisco	at Philadelphia	16
Cincinnati	at Oakland	16
San Francisco	at L.A. Rams	16
Open	N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tennessee, Green Bay	

Monday, Nov. 18

Kansas City	vs. L.A. Chargers	at Mexico City
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Monday

Seahawks 27, 49ers 24 (OT)

Seattle	0	7	14	3	3-27
San Francisco	10	0	0	14	0-24

First quarter

SF—McLaughlin 43, 8:19.

SF—Bourne 10 pass from Garoppolo (McLaughlin), 2:03.

Second quarter

Sea—Clowney 10 fumble return (Myers kick), 2:51.

Third quarter

Sea—Hollister 3 pass from R.Wilson (Myers kick), 4:37.

Sea—Carson 1 run (Myers kick), 1:42.

Fourth quarter

SF—Buckner 12 fumble return (Bourne pass from Garoppolo), 2:00.

SF—FG McLaughlin 39, 6:17.

Sea—FG Myers 45, 1:45.

SF—FG McLaughlin 47, 0:1.

Overtime

Sea—FG Myers 42, :00.

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Sea

SF

First downs 19 | 21 || Total Net Yards | 336 | 302 |
Rushes-yards	34-147	27-87
Passing	189	215
Punt Returns	2-4	3-2
Fumbles-Returns	3-23	12-2
Interceptions Ret.	1-44	1-47
Comp-Att-Yds	24-34	24-46-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-43	5-33
Punts	7-43.1	5-46.4
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-75	5-40
Time of Possession	35:19	34:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHES—Seattle: Carson 25, 89.

R.Wilson 6-53, Lockett 1-3, Penny 2-2.

San Francisco: Coleman 4-40, Mostert 6-28.

Breida 10-18, Garoppolo 21.

PASSING—Seattle: R.Wilson 24-34-1.

24, San Francisco: Garoppolo 24-46-1.

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RECEIVING—Seattle: Hollister 8-62.

Metcalf 6-70, Lockett 3-26, Carson 3-12.

Turner 2-35, Gordon 2-27, San Francisco:

Samuel 12-22, Bourne 4-42, Coleman 4-32.

Dwley 3-24, Sanders 2-24, Breida 2-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Francisco:

McLaughlin 47.

Mistakes contribute to 49ers loss

NFC West race tightens heading into stretch run

By JOSH DUBOW

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco coach Kyle Shanahan could have easily played for a tie at the end of overtime and protected the 49ers' safe lead in their division.

Instead, his decision to put the ball in Jimmy Garoppolo's hands backfired, giving the Seattle Seahawks plenty of time to rally for a game-winning field goal that tightened the NFC West race significantly.

With a chance to drive to the winning score or burn precious time off the clock, Garoppolo threw three straight incomplete passes late in overtime, setting the stage for Russell Wilson to put the Seahawks in position for Jason Myers' 42-yard kick that handed San Francisco a 27-24 loss for its first defeat of the season Monday night.

"It's a little gut check taking this L tonight," defensive tackle Dietrich Bucner said. "But we're going to bounce back."

The 49ers (8-1) had their chance to win in overtime after Dre Greenlaw intercepted a pass from Wilson at the 4 on the opening drive of the extra session and returned it to the Seattle 49.

San Francisco then drove down to the 29 before Raheem Mostert was stopped just short of a first down on third-and-2. Fill-in kicker Chase McLaughlin, signed last week when Robbie Gould injured



TONY AVELAR/AP

49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, left, is sacked by Seattle Seahawks cornerback Tre Flowers during the first half of Monday's game in Santa Clara, Calif. Garoppolo was sacked five times.

his quadriceps in practice, missed badly to the left after making all three tries in regulation.

"Just rushed it a little bit, hit it a little high and unfortunately missed it," he said.

The Niners then forced a three-and-out and took over at their own 20 with 1:50 remaining and Seattle out of timeouts. With San Francisco holding a two-game lead in the loss column over the Seahawks (8-2), Shanahan could have played it safe and made sure to take some time off the clock to ensure at least a tie.

But he called for a pass play on

first down that went incomplete to Ross Dwelley. Dante Pettis then dropped a pass over the middle on second down before the Niners took a deep shot to Deebo Samuel on third down that was broken up by Shaquill Griffin.

"The first down, we expected to get a completion, but we got a tipped ball," Shanahan said. "Second down, we have to be able to throw and catch there between Dante and Jimmy. And then it's tough on third-and-10. Definitely didn't want to run it on third-and-10. Wanted to go for the first down. Definitely wish we had

taken more time off the clock, but was counting on us catching one of those balls."

Instead, the 49ers used up just 14 seconds and gave Wilson plenty of time to lead a game-winning drive he keyed with an 18-yard scramble on third-and-3.

"He's one of those guys when you're rushing, he's looking and if he doesn't have a guy open, he's looking to create a play and looking for some rush lanes to open," Bucner said. "He got us a couple of times. Up front we have to do better at knowing where we're at in our rushes."

Last: Seahawks had shot to win on first possession of OT

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I don't care how much time is on the clock. We feel like we have a chance."

The Seahawks blew an opportunity to win the game on the opening possession of overtime when Wilson was intercepted at the 4 by Dre Greenlaw.

It was Wilson's second interception of the season and just the second red-zone interception in overtime in the last 25 years, according to STATS, with Jacoby Brissett having the other in 2017 against San Francisco.

Greenlaw returned it 47 yards to the Seattle 49 and the Niners moved the ball 20 yards before McLaughlin missed badly to the left on a 47-yard attempt. McLaughlin had made his first three field goals after being signed earlier in the week when Robbie Gould went down with a quadriceps injury.

"Just rushed it a little bit, hit it a little high and unfortunately missed it," McLaughlin said.

The teams then traded punts, and the Seahawks took over at their 36 with 1:25 remaining after Jimmy Garoppolo threw three straight incompletions as San Francisco burned only 14 seconds off the clock with Seattle out of timeouts.

"Definitely wish we had taken more time off the clock, but was counting on us catching one of those balls," Shanahan said.

After the defenses dominated much of the



BEN MARGOT/AP

49ers wide receiver Kendrick Bourne is wrapped up by Seahawks middle linebacker Bobby Wagner during the first half of Monday's game in Santa Clara, Calif.

game, with each team scoring a defensive touchdown and generating three takeaways apiece in regulation, the quarterbacks traded late drives for field goals that set the stage for overtime.

Wilson drove the Seahawks 47 yards before Chris Carson was stuffed on third-and-1, leading to a 46-yard field goal by Myers with 1:45 to play.

Garoppolo and the Niners took over from there and used short passes to move the ball down to the 29, where McLaughlin kicked a 47-yard field goal with 1 second left to tie it at 24.

Making a point

The Seahawks shut down San Francisco's running game, allowing only 3.2 yards per carry, and forced Garoppolo into an off night with his receivers contributing with several drops. Garoppolo finished 24-for-48 for 248 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

He was sacked five times and missed injured tight end George Kittle and Emmanuel Sanders, who left in the first quarter with a rib injury.

"We wanted to prove we were the best defense on the field today," Seahawks linebacker Bobby Wagner said. "We understood what people were thinking because of the last two weeks. We felt like we had something to prove."

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Capitals suffer first defeat
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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, right, scrambles for yardage during overtime of Monday's game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif.



Seattle head coach Pete Carroll, left, celebrates with Wilson after the Seahawks won the game on a 42-yard field goal.

Last unbeaten falls

Seahawks hand 49ers first loss in overtime

By JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Russell Wilson high-stepped his way down the sideline before hugging coach Pete Carroll after Jason Myers' kick split the uprights.

After a wild overtime that featured a rare Wilson interception, a missed field goal by San Francisco and a questionable decision from 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, the Seahawks had knocked the Niners

from the ranks of the unbeaten and made sure the NFC West will remain tight down the stretch.

Myers kicked a 42-yard field goal after Chase McLaughlin missed a kick earlier in overtime, and the Seahawks handed the San Francisco 49ers their first loss with a 27-24 victory on Monday night.

"That was the craziest game I've ever been a part of," Wilson said.

Myers gave Seattle (8-2) its second straight overtime win after Wilson got the

Seahawks into position with an 18-yard scramble on third-and-3. After being iced by a timeout, Myers delivered one week after missing two field goals and an extra point, moving Seattle on the heels of San Francisco (8-1) in the NFC West.

"We practice these situations every day," left tackle Duane Brown said. "Russell Wilson is the best quarterback in the league. When you have him under center,

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